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SHRINE

He is a Member of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Boston, Massachusetts.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Town Counsel, Town of Scituate, 1948 to 1958; served in the United States Navy, 1917-1919; Member of Rotary Club of Boston; Sons of the American Revolution; American, Massachusetts, and Boston Bar Associations; and is a Member of Boston Court No. 103, Order of Jesters.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND

THE APPENDANT ORDERS

OF

MASSACHUSETTS *and* RHODE ISLAND

for the YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 10, 1959

ALFRED COLCORD BLAKE, *Grand Commander*

October 11, 1958 to October 10, 1959

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

Boston, Massachusetts

1959

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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

AT THE

SPECIAL CONCLAVE

PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND, DECEMBER 6, 1958

A constitutional number of Commanderies being represented a SPECIAL CONCLAVE of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island reconvened this sixth day of December 1958 in the Masonic Temple, 55 High Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, for the transaction of Special Business—Electing and Installing a Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden and install such other officers as may be necessary. Sir Knight Alfred C. Blake, Right Eminent Grand Commander presided.

Total number of Sir Knights present 82, representing 29 Commanderies.

The following Officers were nominated, elected, appointed and installed for the ensuing Templar year:

Sir Kt. RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS ..... *E. Grand Captain General*
Sir Kt. WILLIAM F. WEST ..... *E. Grand Senior Warden*
Sir Kt. LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN ..... *E. Grand Junior Warden*
Sir Kt. GILBERT G. MACHON ..... *E. Grand Standard Bearer*
Sir Kt. RUSSELL R. LONG ..... *E. Grand Sword Bearer*
Sir Kt. HAROLD A. BUDREAU ..... *E. Grand Warder*
Sir Kt. G. BURTON LONG ..... *E. Grand Captain of the Guard*
Sir Kt. HERMAN C. MCSTAY ..... *E. Division Commander—6th Division*

There being no further business, the Conclave was adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

AT THE

153RD SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE

MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS, MAY 2, 1959 (10:45 A. M.)

A constitutional number of Commanderies being represented the 153rd Semi-Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island reconvened this second day of May 1959, at the Masonic Temple, 326 Main Street, Melrose, Massachusetts, for the transaction of such business as may regularly come before it. Sir Knight Alfred C. Blake, Right Eminent Grand Commander, presided.

The Sir Knights were led in their devotions by Right Eminent Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder, Past Grand Commander.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS PRESENT

SIR KT. ALFRED C. BLAKE.....*R. E. Grand Commander*
SIR KT. ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY.....*V. E. Deputy Grand Commander*
SIR KT. CLARENCE E. BOOTH.....*E. Grand Generalissimo*
SIR KT. RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS.....*E. Grand Captain General*
SIR KT. WILLIAM F. WEST.....*E. Grand Senior Warden*
SIR KT. GEORGE A. WEEKS.....*R. E. Grand Recorder*
SIR KT. RUSSELL R. LONG.....*E. Grand Sword Bearer*
SIR KT. G. BURTON LONG.....*E. Grand Captain of the Guard*
SIR KT. CLARENCE R. DAVIS.....*E. Grand Sentinel*
SIR KT. GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.....*E. Division Commander*
SIR KT. THOMAS C. BROWN.....*E. Inspector Instructor*

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R. E. SIR JOHN E. RINES
R. E. SIR FRANK H. WILSON
R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
R. E. SIR FREDERIC KENNEDY
R. E. SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
R. E. SIR THOMAS A. BOOTH
R. E. SIR DWIGHT C. PAGE

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Alabama .....E. SIR WILLAIM TURNER
Arizona .....R. E. SIR FREDERIC KENNEDY

Arkansas .....E. SIR CHARLES W. GURDY
Colorado .....E. SIR ROBERT E. POWELL
Florida .....R. E. SIR DWIGHT C. PAGE
Georgia .....E. SIR JAMES R. HOOPER
Kentucky .....E. SIR HAROLD L. BURR
Maryland .....R. E. SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
Minnesota .....R. E. SIR THOMAS A. BOOTH
Montana .....R. E. SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE
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New Jersey .....R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
New Mexico .....E. SIR CLARENCE E. BOOTH
New York .....R. E. SIR FRANK H. WILSON
Ohio .....R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
Virginia .....E. SIR CLARENCE R. DAVIS

Total number of Sir Knights present 100, representing 35 Commanderies. Grand Representatives present 16.

THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER: Eminent Sirs and Sir Knights, it is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 153rd Semi-Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island which is being held today in this City of Melrose, Massachusetts. As far as I can find out, this is the first time that a Conclave of this Grand Commandery has been held in this city.

At this point, it is customary for the Grand Commander to make his Semi-Annual Address on the "doings of the Commanderies" for the first six months of our Templar Year. However, in lieu of this, I will make a full and detailed report at our Annual Conclave to be held on October 10, 1959.

We are now ready for the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

INCORPORATION OF GRAND COMMANDERY AS A CHARITABLE CORPORATION UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

A preliminary meeting of the Heads of the three York Rite Grand Bodies of Massachusetts was held at the Union Club, Boston, on July 29, 1958. The meeting was called by M. W. Whitfield W. Johnson, who had been designated by the Grand Lodge to assist the three Bodies in making their plans.

PRESENT

WHITFIELD W. JOHNSON, *Past Grand Master*
EUGENE P. CARVER, JR., *Grand High Priest*
FRANK H. WILSON, Grand Master of the Grand Council
DWIGHT C. PAGE, *Grand Commander*
WILLIAM F. CLARK, *Grand Secretary,* Grand Chapter; *Grand Recorder,* Grand Council

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder,* Grand Commandery
RALPH W. COPELAND, advisory counsel for Grand Chapter
JAMES C. BAYLEY, advisory counsel for Grand Council
ROBERT G. WILSON, JR., advisory counsel for Grand Commandery
GEORGE B. ROWELL
CHARLES F. ALBERT

The subject of incorporation was discussed in detail, before, during, and after dinner, and several decisions and agreements were arrived at:

First: That it seemed to all present that there were certain definite advantages to be gained from incorporation, not directly to the Grand Bodies, but to the subordinate bodies under their allegiance, and that all present were in favor of incorporation.

Second: that there should be a vote in each Grand Body on the question. Grand Chapter could vote at its Quarterly Convocation on September 27th. Grand Commandery could vote at its Annual Conclave on October 11th. As the Annual Assembly of Grand Council would not be held until December 8th, it was thought advisable that a Special Assembly be called after Grand Lodge of September 11th.

Grand Chapter and Grand Council, being Sovereign Bodies, needed no further authority than their own vote. Grand Commandery, however, was governed by the Constitutions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and it was felt that their permission for the move should be obtained. As the Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment would be held in Indianapolis within a couple of weeks, permission would be sought at that time. The permission was granted, and a confirming letter, signed by Walter A. DeLamater, Most Eminent Grand Master, was subsequently received by the Grand Recorder. The vote in all three Grand Bodies was unanimous, and favorable.

Third: that as the law firm of Warner, Stackpole, Stetson and Bradlee, in which George B. Rowell and Charles F. Albert were partners, had been very familiar with the situation for some time, and made a most attractive proposition for their services, it was agreed by all three Grand Heads that they would be employed as counsel.

INCORPORATION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY AS A CHARITABLE CORPORATION UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING OF THE INCORPORATION

A meeting of the Incorporators of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., was held on November 7, 1958, at four o'clock P.M., in Room 1105, 84 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

The following were present, constituting all the Subscribers to the Agreement of Association: Alfred C. Blake, George A. Weeks, A. Kenneth Martin, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Whitfield W. Johnson, George B. Rowell, Dwight C. Page, Elliott N. Holley, Clarence E. Booth.

All proceedings were conducted in proper legal form under the direction of Sir Knight Charles F. Albert of the Law Firm of Warner, Stackpole, Stetson and Bradlee at 84 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and a complete transcript of the meeting is on file in Grand Commandery Office, following is an abbreviated account of the meeting:

Alfred C. Blake requested the meeting to come to order and was unanimously chosen Chairman.

George A. Weeks was chosen Temporary Clerk and was sworn.

A "Code of By-laws" was adopted.

The number of Directors was fixed at nine. The following were elected: Alfred C. Blake, George A. Weeks, A. Kenneth Martin, Robert G. Wilson, Jr., Whitfield W. Johnson, George B. Rowell, Dwight C. Page, Elliott N. Holley, Clarence E. Booth.

A. Kenneth Martin was elected Grand Treasurer; George A. Weeks was elected Grand Recorder and was sworn; Elliott N. Holley was elected Deputy Grand Commander; Clarence E. Booth was elected Grand Generalissimo; Raymond D. Douglass was elected Grand Captain General; William F. West was elected Grand Senior Warden; Louis A. Beaudoin was elected Grand Junior Warden.

The proper officers were directed to prepare the proper papers for incorporation.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was then held. Present: Alfred C. Blake, George A. Weeks, A. Kenneth

Martin, Robert G. Wilson, Jr., Whitfield W. Johnson, George B. Rowell, Dwight C. Page, Elliott N. Holley, Clarence E. Booth.

Alfred C. Blake was elected Grand Commander and President.

The Grand Treasurer was authorized on completion of the incorporation of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., to close out all bank accounts held in the name of the voluntary association and to open them in the name of the corporation.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A public hearing was held before the Department of Public Welfare on January 22, 1959, attended by R. E. Sir Alfred C. Blake, Grand Commander, R. E. Sir George A. Weeks, Grand Recorder. Present also as Counsel were Sir Kt. Charles F. Albert and Sir Kt. Eugene P. Carver, Jr. No objection to the proposed incorporation was expressed at the hearing and we left with the feeling that everything was progressing smoothly.

ATTEST

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

April 24, 1959

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars
205 Masonic Temple
51 Boylston Street
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Eminent and Dear Sir:

The following amendments to By-Laws of Constituent Commanderies have been approved by the Grand Commandery during the recess of the Grand Commandery and are now subject to review by the Grand Commandery:

1. Proposed amendments to By-Laws of Pilgrim Commandery No. 9, Article 11, Section 1, copy of which is hereto annexed.
2. Proposed amendments to By-Laws of Berkshire Commandery No. 22, K.T., Article IX, Section 1, copy of which is hereto annexed.
3. Proposed amendments to By-Laws of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51, K.T., Article 11, Section 2, Article III, Section 1, copy of which is hereto annexed.
4. In response to your request of March 12, 1959, for our opinion relative to resolution and proposed amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Commandery, an opinion dated March 14, 1959, was given to the Grand Recorder.

5. This Committee was requested to comment on Report on Inspection and Tactics Committee by your letter of February 3, 1959. My reply of February 26, 1959, gives the opinion of this Committee relative thereto.

Courteously yours,

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman*
Jurisprudence Committee

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS OF PILGRIM COMMANDERY NO. 9 VOTED AT THE STATED CONCLAVE MARCH 25, 1959

To change Article II, Section I, which reads as follows:

The Stated Conclaves of this Commandery shall be held in the Masonic Temple, Lowell, Mass., on the fourth Wednesday in each month for the transaction of business and balloting.

So that said Article II, Section I, shall read as follows:

The Stated Conclaves of this Commandery shall be held in Masonic Temple, Lowell, Mass., on the Third Tuesday in each month for the transaction of business and balloting.

ARTHUR E. DYAR
Recorder

BERKSHIRE COMMANDERY NO. 22

April 17, 1959

Rt. Em. George A. Weeks
Grand Recorder
405 Masonic Temple
51 Boylston Street
Boston 16, Mass.

Dear Sir Knight Weeks:

The following change in the By-Laws of Berkshire Commandery No. 22, K. T., was favorably voted upon at our April 13, 1959, State Conclave:

ARTICLE IX, Section 1, Dues

There shall be paid annually to the Recorder of this Commandery by each member thereof (except as provided in Article V and VI) for the purpose of defraying the current expenses and for such other uses or purposes as the Commandery may from time to time order, the sum of Six Dollars, the same to be due and payable at the Stated Conclave in June of each year. No member of this Commandery who is in arrears in the payment of dues for the term of two years shall be entitled to vote or be eligible to hold office therein.

The article as currently in our By-Laws reads "Five Dollars."

The only change is the increase of dues from Five to Six Dollars.

Courteously yours,

KARL O. LEPISTO
Recorder

THOMAS SMITH WEBB COMMANDERY No. 51, K. T.

April 18, 1959

Sir George A. Weeks, P. G. C.
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir George:

The following amendments to the By-Laws of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51, K. T., are submitted for approval by the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Commandery.

Amend Article II, Section 2, to read as follows:

"The Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, and a Trustee shall be elected by ballot at the Stated Conclave in June of each year. All other officers shall be appointed by the Commander-elect. Nominations may be made for the elective officers and the election shall be by written ballot, provided more than one name be in nomination, otherwise the election may be by acclamation. Officers-elect, together with such other officers as shall have been appointed by the Commander-elect, shall be installed at the Annual Conclave and shall serve until their successors shall have been elected and installed."

This section before amendment reads as follows:

"The Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, and such other elective officers as are prescribed in these By-Laws and any amendments thereto, shall be elected by written ballot at the Stated Conclave in June of each year. Officers-elect, together with such other officers as shall have been appointed by the Commander-elect, shall be installed at the Annual Conclave and shall serve until their successors shall have been elected and installed."

Amend Article II, Section 1, by adding the following paragraph:

The Commander shall appoint a Nominating Committee no later than the January Conclave consisting of three Past Commanders and two members not holding an elective office. The Committee shall report at the June Conclave their nominations for a Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, and a Trustee."

Courteously yours,

ALFRED E. GRANT,
Recorder

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

February 26, 1959

Mr. George A. Weeks
Grand Recorder
405 Masonic Temple
51Boylston Street
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Eminent and Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of February 3, 1959 re Report on Inspection and Tactics Committee on which we are asked for an opinion, the Jurisprudence Committee is of the opinion that the Grand Commander has the prerogative to set up the formula for his Inspecting Officers unless and until a vote of the Grand Commandery is passed to the contrary.

Our Committee is of the opinion that the Recommendations of the Tactics Committee in this matter is of no effect in binding the Grand Commander and that he is perfectly free to exercise his prerogative in his discretion without regard to the opinion of that Committee. We believe that this Tactics Committee was set up for the purpose of standardizing such portions of the floor tactics for inspections as are not dealt with in the Ritual; that is to say, the type of matters that are covered by the Tactics Manual. Hence, its recommendations in the field of the allowances to be made for absence in the count at inspection are outside of its authority. Its recommendations are in no event binding upon the Grand Commander but are purely advisory. This Committee is not one of those provided for by Article 9 of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery and must therefore be considered one of the "special committees" which the Grand Commander may appoint with such "duties as he may deem advisable" and being appointed by the Grand Commander on his own initiative and serving only at his pleasure, cannot make any suggestion which would be binding upon him.

Courteously yours,

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman*
Jurisprudence Committee

REPORT OF INSPECTION AND TACTICS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Inspection and Tactics Committee was held August 1, 1958, to act on:

(1) Recommendations for changes in Tactics presented by the Inspector Instructor.

(2) The situation presented by the present very limited supply of Tactics Manuals and the need for the incorporation of last years and this years changes. And:

(3) Such other matters as might properly be brought before the Committee for attention.

All members of the Committee were present with the exception of S.K. Harold S. Crocker, P.G.C., with whom the matters under consideration were discussed over the phone in the course of the meeting and whose agreement with the Committee on action taken was so obtained.

The Committee's action last year as implemented by Official Order No. 6 of September 3, 1957, cleared all known questions and revisions of the Tactical work except the tactics and procedure for the reception of the Inspecting Officer at Inspections and Official Visitations.

Recommendations for the revision of this section of the Tactics and also general revisions to conform to the regulations of the Grand Encampment on the use of titles were presented by the Inspector Instructor, and following discussion were adopted by unanimous vote. (See Official Order No. 10 of September 22, 1958.)

The Grand Recorder reported some requests for new Tactics Manuals but with few if any now available to meet the demand. All Tactics Manuals issued within the past several years have been sold to, and are therefore the property of, the purchasers. They are not necessarily passed along or resold to new officers coming into the line each year. Obviously some means must be found to provide Tactics Manuals or their equivalents to these new officers and to make it possible for present owners of Manuals to bring them up to date.

With the many changes which have been made since the Tactics were last printed in 1946 the suitability of stickers for the correction of present Manuals is open to question. The cost of printing new Manuals would today presumably be at least two or three times that of 1946 and we feel that such expense should not be recommended or considered until all changes made within the past year or so can be proven out in practice this coming year.

It is therefore felt that possibly one of several temporary or stopgap means suggested might serve present purposes and the Grand Recorder was requested to investigate such possibilities and report his findings for the consideration of the Grand Commandery at this Conclave. His report will follow action on this Committee Report.

Reported possible variances in the basis used for determining the number required for the count at Inspections, and the apparent lack of definite Orders or generally accepted and understood rulings, as referred to earlier in this Conclave in the Grand Commander's report, were brought to the attention of the Committee and its recommendations requested.

Reports of deductions being allowed in some cases for absence on business or pleasure trips, and for those over certain ages, as well as for illness or other incapacity to attend, were verified by the Inspector Instructor.

Following full discussion and thorough consideration of all facets of the problem it was unanimously agreed that:

(1) the count should be based on the number of members residing within 40 miles of the Town or City of the Commandery concerned,

(2) that without allowance for illness or other fully justifiable inability to attend, it is reasonable to expect the support and attendance of at least 50% of those residing within the above 40 mile limit,

(3) that a deduction of 10% of the entire membership residing within the above 40 mile limit should be ample to allow for illness or other unquestionably justifiable inability to attend, and

(4) that the above fixed allowance for justifiable absence eliminates all hearsay or questionable factors, provides a readily verified record, simplifies and clarifies the work and responsibilities of our Recorders and Division Commanders, and provides assurance to and for our Commanderies, of uniform and equitable treatment.

We therefore strongly recommend that the number required for the Count be determined to be 45% of the number of Life and Annual members of a Commandery residing within the 40 mile limit with no deductions for age, illness, or any other reason whatsoever.

We believe the adoption of this recommendation will eliminate questions now existing, tend to promote harmony, and insure equal consideration and justice to all in the determination of the Count.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT C. PAGE, *Chairman*

Supplemental. As a matter of record your Grand Commander and Inspector Instructor took occasion to consult S.K. Louis F. Heger, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Ritualistic Matters at the Triennial and requested a ruling on 'where Ritual stopped and Tactics began' in regard to forms of address, commands, etc. S.K. Heger stated that Grand Encampment considers *everything printed* in the Ritual as Ritual, governed by and to be adhered to in accordance with Grand Encampment Regulations. D.C.P.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: I recommend you, Sir, that this Report be accepted and be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Commandery.

Voted unanimously.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

March 14, 1959

Em. Sir George A. Weeks
Grand Recorder
405 Masonic Temple
51 Boylston Street
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Dear George:

I am returning one copy of the resolution and proposed amendment of the constitution of our Grand Commandery relative to the requirement of council membership prior to an application for the orders of Knighthood.

The Jurisprudence Committee approves the proposed amendments except Article 19, Section 6, which should be changed to read as follows:

"however, for candidates who petition for the orders on or before November 1, 1959, membership in good standing in Lodge and Chapter only, is necessary to acquire or retain membership in a Commandery."

Courteously yours,

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman*
Jurisprudence Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery:

SIR KNIGHTS:

Proposed Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Presented for Action at this Semi-Annual Conclave.

RESOLUTION

Whereas: It is our firm conviction that the York Rite of Freemasonry should be more closely united, and that Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies, should work together for their mutual benefit, and

Whereas: The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, at their 47th Triennial Conclave held at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 16-22, 1958, adopted an amendment to their Constitution, which provided that any Grand Commandery may, by proper enactment, require the Cryptic Degrees as prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood in its Constituent Commanderies.

Therefore, Be it Resolved: That the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island be amended as follows:

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To amend Article XIX, Section 1—"Orders and Qualifications," of the Constitution, by adding after the words "Royal Arch Mason" in the fifth line, the following: "Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master"; and by adding after the words "Royal Arch Mason" in the seventh line, the following: "and Super Excellent Master"; so that Section 1 shall read:

"The Orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred upon anyone who has not received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, Royal Arch Mason, Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master; nor upon anyone who is not an affiliated Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason, and Super Excellent Master; nor upon anyone who has not resided at least six months" (continue to end of section without change).

To amend Article XIX, Section 6, of the Constitution by adding the following sentence: "However, for candidates who petition for the Orders on or before November 1, 1959, membership in good standing in Lodge and Chapter only is necessary to acquire or retain membership in a Commandery."

Proposed by R.E. SIR FRANK H. WILSON and
R.E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.

The above amendments were submitted at the Annual Conclave in October for action at our Semi-Annual Conclave in May, and have been approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

These amendments shall be effective only when and so long as amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island, shall provide and specify that all applications for election to receive the degrees shall also require the applicant simultaneously to sign application for the Orders of Knighthood if his religious beliefs permit signing of a representation that he is a firm believer in the Christian religion.

The Committee asked for further time to consider the above.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was VOTED that this matter be put over to the Annual Conclave on October 10, 1959.

Voted unanimously.

In order to comply with the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of U.S.A., it was regularly moved and seconded to AMEND ARTICLE XIX, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as follows:

To amend Article XIX, Section 3

FORM OF PETITION FOR THE ORDERS

To the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General and Sir Knights of.....Commandery No....., Knights Templar:

The undersigned represents that he received the degree of Master Mason in.....Lodge No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of.....; that he is at the present time, a member of.....Lodge No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of.....; that he received the degree of Royal Arch Mason in..... Chapter No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of .....; and that he is at the present time a member of.....Chapter No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of.....; (or, that he

has petitioned.....Chapter No....., Royal Arch Masons, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of..... .....for the Capitular Degrees and that he will be affiliated with.....Chapter No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of.....); in the jurisdictions requiring the Cryptic Degrees as prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, that he received the degree of Select Master in.....Council No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of.....; and that he is at the present time a member of.....Council No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of..... .....; (or, that he has petitioned..... Council No..... Royal and Select Masters, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of....., for the Cryptic Degrees and that he will be affiliated with..... .....Council No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of .....); that he is a firm believer in the Christian religion, and that he has not petitioned any other Commandery; (or, that he petitioned.....Commandery No....., on....., and that he was.....);
(date) (elected or rejected)
that for the year immediately prior to the date of this petition he has resided within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of..... (or, in the case of Subordinate Commanderies, of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America) and for the latter half of that year within the jurisdiction of.....Commandery No....., of.....; that he is desirous of receiving the Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery, and if found worthy, promises to conform to the ancient usages and customs of the Order.

He was born on the.....day of..... A.D.,.....; in the State of..... His place of residence is..... His occupation is that of..... He has read this petition and signs his full name thereto.

.....
(Sign)

Dated.....

We vouch for the good character and Masonic standing of the petitioner and recommend his admission.

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(Amended 1958)

Voted unanimously.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

To the Members of This Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Christmas Offering and Good Cheer reports its activities for 1958-1959:

Under date of November 1, 1958, Official Order No. 1 was sent out by your Grand Commander, Sir Knight Alfred

C. Blake, containing the usual appeal for the Christmas Collections Fund for the poor and needy.

Fifty Commanderies contributed a total of $9,249.74 which is the largest amount collected since the start of this Fund in 1931. We are still short of our QUOTA of $1.00 FOR EACH MEMBER OF THIS GRAND JURISDICTION.

"Glory to God in the highest; on earth peace, good will toward men."

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

1931	$5,768.24	1945	$6,033.19
1932	4,973.75	1946	6,699.20
1933	4,436.65	1947	6,820.59
1934	4,946.82	1948	7,253.27
1935	4,088.37	1949	7,669.24
1936	4,915.34	1950	7,912.75
1937	4,798.91	1951	8,431.52
1938	4,608.07	1952	9,097.80
1939	4,386.23	1953	8,712.47
1940	4,610.99	1954	8,757.85
1941	4,588.35	1955	8,657.68
1942	4,217.04	1956	8,665.73
1943	4,715.01	1957	8,465.14
1944	5,732.60	1958	9,249.74
			$179,212.54

Courteously yours,

R. E. Sir George A. Weeks, *Chairman*
E. Sir John W. Mackey
E. Sir Karl W. P. Reece
E. Sir Elmer H. Robinson
E. Sir Frederic B. Duncan
E. Sir Charles W. Hull
E. Sir Howard E. White
E. Sir Arvin C. M. French
E. Sir George M. Dodge

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

May 2, 1959

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Another active year for this great service to the youth of our state has come to a successful end, and your Educational Foundation Committee takes this opportunity of presenting its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1958, as well as the Audit Report prepared by Eminent Sir Hurlbut L. Plummer, Certified Public Accountant.

It is a pleasure to report that we granted 108 loans to 78 male students amounting to $36,676.50 and to 30 female students amounting to $12,928.00 making a Grand Total of $49,604.50, which was three loans less than the preceding year 1957. Several applicants were rejected or failed to qualify.

Excerpt from a Report received from James M. Caviness, P. G. C., of Texas, Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee: "while we do not have all the Educational Foundation Reports in so far, we do have all of them except one or two of the smaller divisions that I understand did not make many loans last year, aggregating $1,115,-334.00 that is, the largest number ever made in any one year. This is a gain of 698 more loans made in 1958 than were made in 1957."

The record of repayment of loans was very satisfactory, and a full report will follow.

We urge all officers of our Commanderies to give this Fund continued publicity throughout the coming year. It should be a source of extreme satisfaction to every Sir Knight to know that he has a part in helping to educate the youth of our beloved nation.

Courteously yours,

GEORGE A. WEEKS, P. G. C., *Secretary*
EM. SIR CLARENCE R. DAVIS, *Chairman*
R. E. SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
EM. SIR RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS
EM. SIR S. KENNETH SKOLFIELD
EM. SIR ROBERT E. POWELL

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

January 28, 1959

Educational Committee
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions, the books and records of the Educational Foundation, Division of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, have been audited for the year ended December 31, 1958, and I submit the result of operations during the past year and the condition of the Fund as at December 31, 1958.

The following comments are made relative to the work done.

CASH

The cash in the checking account and in the various savings bank accounts has been confirmed by certificate from the depositaries. The various savings bank books were also examined and checked with the confirmations. Deposits, warrants, and cancelled checks were verified.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

All bonds were examined and verified at the safe deposit vault in the presence of the Grand Treasurer and Executive Secretary.

All interest due on these bonds and savings bank accounts has been received.

PRINCIPAL

During the year, this account has been adjusted by the excess income for the year, and the addition or deduction of items which were the result of compromise settlements with borrowers.

GENERAL

The 1959 payment books were sent out by us for verification purposes with the usual request that in the event any discrepancies were noted the students should communicate directly with us.

Depreciation on office equipment has been provided for the past year. Accounting expense has been accrued at the year end. Balances are shown covering liability for withholding and social security taxes. The liability to the Grand Encampment has also been accrued.

Subject to the foregoing comments, I certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the condition of the Educational Foundation Division as of December 31, 1958, and the result of operations during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER
Certified Public Accountant

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND DETAIL INFORMATION

DIVISION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

January 1, 1958 through December 31, 1958. To be Filed before February 1, 1959

Required Capital (9 x 1932 membership @ $1.00 each)	$218,889.00
Total Assessments collected to December 31, 1958	$243,764.13
Earned Income to December 31, 1958	$ 71.97
Donations to December 31, 1958	$ 903.97

OPERATIONS

1. Cash on Hand or in Bank (line 14 of December 31, 1957, statement)			$ 15,051.38
RECEIPTS			
2. Principal Repayment on Student Loans		$ 46,791.92	
3. Interest received on Student Loans	$ 5,674.23		
4. Income on Securities and Savings Accounts:			
(a) Received	1,475.93		
(b) Deferred		7,150.16	
5. Other Income:			
(a) Securities sold, exchanged or matured		15,000.00	
(b) Recovery on Loans Charged-off (Report only Net Amount Received by Division from Grand Encampment)		181.88	
(c) Transferred from Savings Accounts		.....	
(d) Miscellaneous (specify)		.....	
6. Total Receipts			69,123.96
7. Total Cash available (line 1 plus line 6)			$ 84,175.34

DISBURSEMENTS		
8. Loans to Students		
(a) (Male 64) (Amount $30,049.00)	$ 30,049.00	
(b) (Female 15) (Amount $6,765.00)	6,765.00	
9. Scholarships (authorized by G. E. Committee from Current Receipts)	.....	
10. Transferred to Knights Templar Scholarship Account	.....	
11. Operating Costs (line 52) (same as Expenses of Administration)	6,388.63	
12. Other Disbursements:		
(a) Securities purchased (Describe fully on Pages 5 and 6)	.....	
(b) Deferred Interest on Investments (line 4 (b))	.....	
(c) Transferred to and Interest left in Savings Accounts	30,000.00	
(d) 5% Paid G. E. Committee 1957 Statement	373.55	
(e) Miscellaneous (specify)	.....	
13. Total Disbursements		$ 73,576.18
ASSETS		
14. Cash on Hand or in Bank, December 31, 1958 (line 7 minus 13)	$ 10,599.16	
15. Funds Invested: Securities and Savings Accounts	75,892.53	
16. Student Loans Outstanding (Principal only)	158,426.76	
17. Bank Account for K. T. Scholarship Account (line 94)	.....	
18. Due from Grand Commandery or Assessments	.....	
19. Other Assets:		
(a) Accrued Interest on Invested Funds (if not added to line 15)	.....	
(b) Furniture and Fixtures	16.39	
(c) Miscellaneous (specify) Inventory — Stationery	18.80	
20. Total Assets		$244,953.64
LIABILITIES		
21. Due the Committee on the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment for EXPENSE: 5% of lines 3 and 4. REMIT AMOUNT SHOWN, WITH THIS STATEMENT, to the Committee	$ 357.51	
22. Other Liabilities (see page 7)	.....	
23 Total Liabilities (line 21 plus line 22)		$ 357.51

Net Worth

24. Net Worth (line 20 minus line 23)	$244,596.13

Note: Administration expenses are payable from the earnings of the current year. The 5% conserved (line 55) and any unexpended income (line 57) are the principal sources of gain (line 83). Gain is important to offset inevitable losses. Please watch expenses closely but be generous with costs of helpful advice and counsel for recovery of doubtful loans.

Operating Costs

51. Maximum available for Administration Expenses 1958 (90% of lines 3 and 4, page 1, see Section 17. B. Regulations and Standard Practice September 20, 1952)	$ 6,435.14
52. Expenses of Administration (per detail, Page 3) (and same as Line 11)	6,388.63
53. Balance	$ 46.51

CAPITAL GAIN OR LOSS

Additions

	Assessments	Donations	Earned Income
54. Net worth, December 31, 1957 (total equals line 26 of 1957 statement)	$243,764.13	$ 903.97	$ *569.74*
55. Conserved Earnings 1958 (5% of lines 3 and 4)			357.51
56. Remaining 5% Earnings, 1958 Expense of G. E. Committee			357.51
57. Unexpended Income (line 53 if black)			46.51
58. Recovery on Loans charged-off (Net amount received) Same as Line 5, (b)			181.88
59. Adjustments to increase Student Loan Account (Principal only)			.....
60. Profit on Sale of Securities			.....
61. Additional Assessments	.....		
62. Donations		.....	
63. Miscellaneous (specify) Increase in Stationery, Inv.			6.56
64. Gross Capital	$243,764.13	$ 903.97	$ 380.23

Deductions

65. Uncollectible Loans charged-off (Principal only) approved by G. E. Committee (same as page 6, line 95)	$.....
66. Loss by Compromise Adjustment (same as page 7, line 96)	.....

67. Loss on Sale of Securities			.....
68. Depreciation on Furniture & Fixtures			9.86
69. Excess Operating Cost (line 53 if red)			.....
70. Adjustments to decrease Student Loan Account (Principal only)			84.83
71. Scholarships (page 1, line 9) (deductible only from items 3 and 4, less item 52. See list on page 3)			.....
72. Scholarships from Scholarship Account (list on page 3)			.....
73. The Committee on Educational Foundation 5% Earnings 1958			357.51
74. Miscellaneous (specify)			
75. Total Deductions			452.20
76. Capital Account, December 31, 1958 (line 64 minus line 75)	$243,764.13	$ 903.97	$ *71.97*
77. Capital Account, December 31, 1957 (line 54)	243,764.13	903.97	*569.74*
78. Increase or Decrease Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1958 (line 76 minus line 77)			$ 497.77

ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL GAIN

79. Earnings for 1958 (lines 3 and 4, page 1)	$ 7,150.16
80. Other Income (lines 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63)	188.44
Total	$ 7,338.60
81. Operating Costs (Same as Line 11, Line 52 and Expenses of Administration)	6,388.63
82. Other Expenses (lines 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74)	452.20
Total	$ 6,840.83
83. Net Increase or Decrease (same as line 78)	$ 497.77

EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION (Same as Line 11 and Line 52)

Salaries: (Give Gross Totals, including Withholding for Income Taxes)	
Executive Officer	$1,898.00
Treasurer	300.00
Stenographer or Clerical	2,184.00
Attorney or Collection Fees	155.50
Rent	675.00
Safe Deposit Box	9.90
P. O. Box Rent	.....
Fidelity Bonds	190.34
F.I.C.A. Taxes (Employer only)	95.99
Audit	300.00
Committee Meetings	64.20
Traveling Expense Contacting Loanees	.....
Postage and Express	.....
Telephone and Telegraph	155.39
Stationery, Supplies, Etc.	81.30

Furniture, Equipment and Repairs	.....
Water	47.40
Laundry	10.00
(Do not include item of 5% paid to Grand Encampment Committee, shown on 1957 Statement, Page 1, Line 23)	
Contract, Maint. Add. Mach.	22.00
Withholding Tax	24.70
Retail Credit Reports	224.31
TOTAL EXPENSE	$6,388.63
(Same as line 11, page 1 and line 52, page 2)	

INVESTED FUNDS

Savings Accounts:

Bank	Location	Int. Rate	Amount
Salem Savings Bank	Salem, Mass.	3¼%	$ 2,000.00
South Boston Savings Bank	Boston, Mass.	3¼%	3,000.00
Weymouth Savings Bank	Weymouth, Mass.	3¼%	5,078.53
So. Weymouth Sav. Bank	So. Weymouth, Mass.	3½%	5,814.00
Home Savings Bank	Boston, Mass.	3¼%	40,000.00
		Total	$55,892.53

STOCKS AND BONDS

Name	Serial Number	Date Issued	Int. Rate	Book Value
U. S. Saving Bonds	V785308G	Feb. 1947	2½%	$ 5,000.00
	V785309G	Feb. 1947		5,000.00
	V785310G	Feb. 1947		5,000.00
	V740902G	Feb. 1947		5,000.00
			Total	$20,000.00
			Grand Total	$75,892.53
			(Same as Line 15)	

FIDELITY BONDS

(As Provided by Section 10 of the Regulations & Standard Practice)

Officer Bonded	Amount of Bond	Amount of Premium	Paid by Grand Commandery or Foundation	Expiration Date
Exec. Sec.	$ 2,500.00	$190.34	Foundation	11/6/60
Asst. to Exec. Sec.	2,500.00			
Treasurer	12,500.00			

3 Year Bond Paid on Annual Basis

AUDIT

Is your Annual Audit made by (a) Certified Public Accountants? Yes or (b) by the Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery?....

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct Financial Statement of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Division of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as of December 31, 1958.

Signed GEORGE A. WEEKS
Secretary

Signed A. KENNETH MARTIN
Treasurer

Attest: GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLICITY

May 2, 1959

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

The Grand Commandery membership goal for the current year was again set at 1,000 new petitions, including affiliations and reinstatements.

As of April 30, 1959, we had received a total of 619 petitions compared with 613, 707 and 616, respectively, on the same date in the years 1958, 1957 and 1956. Eleven commanderies had reached or exceeded their individual quotas. Petition activity was at a slow pace until February. Although there has been an improvement in the last three months, it appears, based on experience in recent years, that we should expect to obtain only between 72% and 75% of our petition goal.

During the year we have made use of space in the Templar, with the cooperation of the Grand Recorder, to urge petition activity and to keep Commandery council officers and Grand Commandery line officers informed of the progress being made.

Courteously submitted,

J. Leroy Jones, *Director*
Membership Progress and Publicity

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

In the month of April, our Commanderies in Massachusetts received 112 petitions towards the total of 124 for the Grand Commandery, which compared very favorably with the April figures of the last three years of 98, 91, and 67, respectively, and brought our total petitions for the year to 621, which is ahead of the figures of 613 of last year and 616 of three years ago.

It is vital that we conduct a membership drive in the Blue Lodges, and in this endeavor we have the full cooperation and support of the heads and Membership Chairmen of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council.

I strongly recommend that as soon as possible we have a York Rite membership man in every Blue Lodge in Massachusetts, whose job it will be to talk to and interest Blue Lodge Masons into taking the York Rite Degrees, including the Orders in the Commandery. This Sir Knight should talk especially to the Junior Officers of the Lodge, and to

new brothers AFTER they have received their Master Mason Degree and have signed the lodge By-Laws.

Accordingly, as Director of New Members Potentials in Massachusetts, I propose that the Commander of every Commandery immediately appoint a Membership Chairman if he has not already done so. It will be the duty of this Membership Chairman to immediately select a Sir Knight in each Blue Lodge and in each Chapter which feeds into that Commandery, who will attend the Blue Lodge or Chapter regularly. The names and addresses of the Sir Knight selected in both the Chapters and Commanderies should be sent to our Grand Recorder, to our General Chairman Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., or myself as soon as possible.

To help out your Commandery Chairmen, I am asking for volunteers to serve in their respective Blue Lodges and Chapters in this membership drive. You will later be sent suggestions how to proceed as the York Rite Membership Representative in your Blue Lodge.

The double form sheets which were given or sent to your Commandery early in this year will be continued, and supplementary sheets and lists will be sent to the incoming Commanders early this summer, so that you may contact prospects ,and get off to a flying start next September and October.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. BAYLEY

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was VOTED to accept the above reports and print same in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR

May 2, 1959

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Four exemplifications were held this year with 46 Commanderies in attendance and 43 Commanders attending at least one session.

With the exception of St. Paul Commandery No. 40, Inspections for the Templar year are completed.

There have been thirty-four 10 minus marks awarded. Eight were given 9 plus; five in the 9 class and two 9 minus.

Courteously submitted,

THOMAS C. BROWN
Inspector Instructor

It was duly made and seconded that the above report be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

Voted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The following Amendment was submitted:

MOVED: That Section 1 of Article IV of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island be amended by striking out the words "and May" and the semi-colon in the second line of the first paragraph and by striking out the words "in October" in the fourth line of said paragraph, and by striking out the semi-colon in the fifth line thereof and by inserting in its place a period, and by striking out the words "and in May for the transaction of such business as may be presented," so that said Section 1 of said Article IV will read as follows:

"*Article IV.* Section 1. This Grand Commandery shall hold a stated conclave in October of each year at such time and place within our jurisdiction as the Grand Commander shall appoint for the election of officers and the transaction of the annual business.

Special conclaves may be called by the Grand Commander; and shall be called by him upon the written request of a majority of the Commanderies.

No business shall be transacted at a Special Conclave except that specified in the notice or summons."

R. E. SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN
Grand Treasurer

R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Chairman of the "All Masonic Night" gave a full and detailed report on the requests for tickets, and then outlined how the tickets could be obtained and the form of distribution. He also outlined the various movements to be made during the mass formation on the floor of Boston Gardens.

Tickets and full instructions will be mailed at a later date to the Commanderies who have returned the questionnaire which was mailed to them under date of March 23, 1959.

Em. Sir Harold L. Burr gave a Report on the "POPS CONCERT" tickets, which is to be held on June 2, 1959, at Symphony Hall, Boston.

R. E. Sir Dwight C. Page spoke briefly on the "ALL MASONIC CRUISE" which is to be held November 6th to 16th, 1959.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: I, move you Sir, that a "VOTE OF THANKS" be extended to the Officers and Members of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20, K. T., and to R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson, for making the arrangements to procure this beautiful meeting place for our 153rd Semi-Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island at no expense to our Grand Commandery. Voted unanimously.

THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER: Is there any further business to come before this Semi-Annual Conclave?

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: A meeting of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights Templar Commanders will be held after this Conclave of Grand Commandery at SHIPS HAVEN, Route 1, Lynnfield, Massachusetts.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Right Eminent Sir, there is nothing further on my desk.

THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights attention! Right Eminent Sir Schroeder, will you lead our devotions?

R. E. SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER: Father, let Thy blessing touch us and remain with us. Guide our thoughts and actions until we meet again. Amen.

THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER: I now declare this one hundred and fifty-third Semi-Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island adjourned. (11:40 A. M.)

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

MEMORANDUM

July 20, 1959

To: All Boards of Assessors

From: Edward C. Wilson, Associate Commissioner

Subject: Exemption of real and personal property of fraternal organizations

Supplementing but in complete conformity to my memorandum to you dated June 6, 1958, I intend hereby to expand the inclusiveness of that memorandum because of the fact that The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., has now been incorporated in Massachusetts with the same purposes as the former unincorporated association known as The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, and the Commanderies formerly chartered by the unincorporated associations are operating as integral parts of this newly formed Massachusetts corporation.

Whereas in the ruling issued from this office on June 6, 1958, the York Rite Masonic Bodies (Chapters, Councils and Commanderies) were declared to be charitable but not so organized as to qualify for the exemption set forth in the governing statute, now because of the recent incorporation of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., such organization is now so organized as to qualify for the exemption set forth in this statute.

Associate Commissioner
EDWARD C. WILSON

ALL-MASONIC NIGHT

Boston Garden, June 13, 1959

An invitation was extended to your Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, and the Officers and Sir Knights of our Constituent Commanderies to be the guests of Aleppo Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., the fourth largest Shrine Temple in North America, to be held in the Boston Garden on Saturday evening, June 13, 1959.

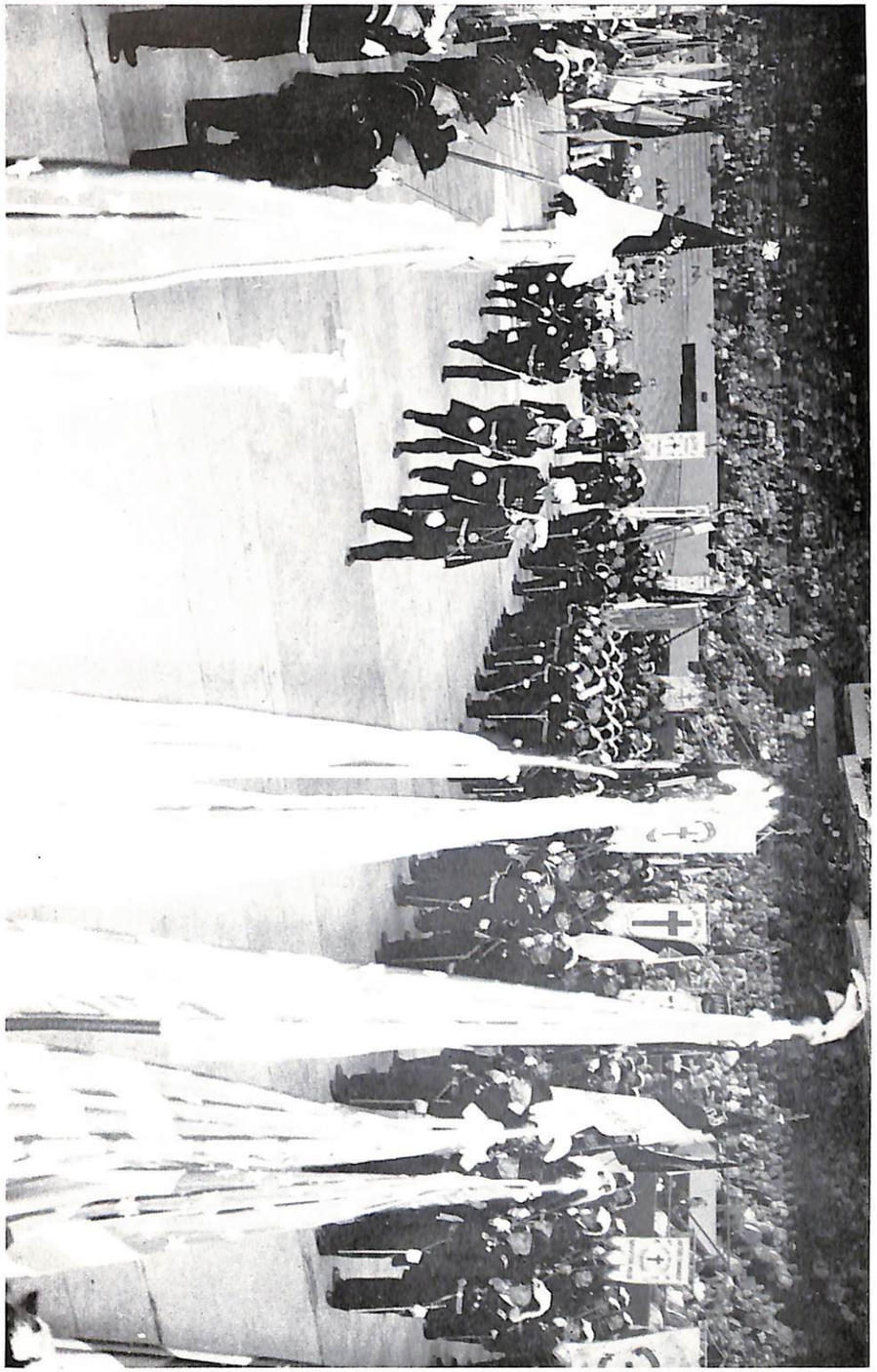
As usual the Garden was filled to capacity, and thousands of applications for tickets were returned unfilled because there were no more seats available.

Approximately 750 Sir Knights, representing some 35 Commanderies, paraded in uniform with their colors, and provided a most inspiring spectacle for the 15,000 spectators.

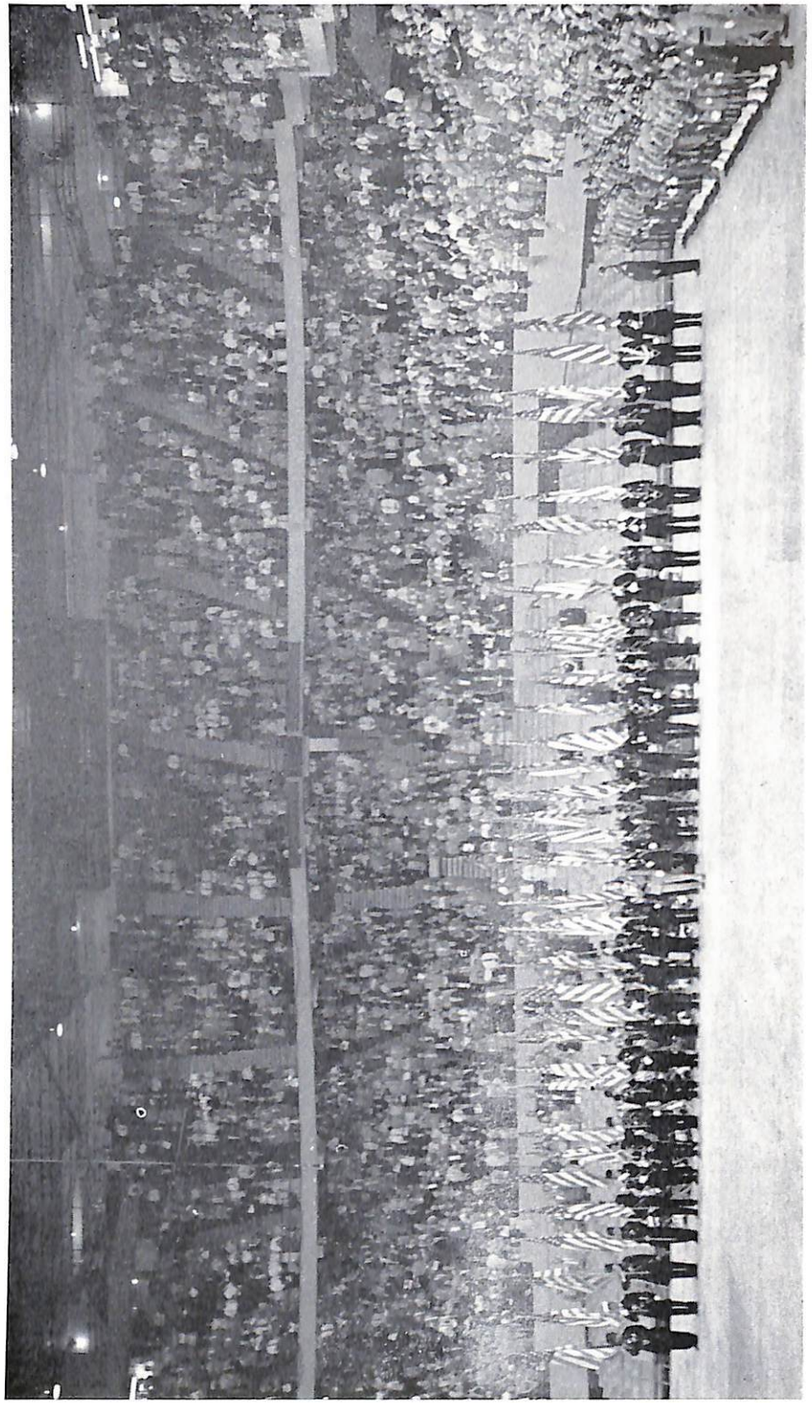
This has developed into an annual event, and it is to be doubted if any other event during the year does nearly as much to advance the cause of Masonry.

Too much credit cannot be given to R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., who almost single handed, takes care of, and arranges, the thousands of details which this evening involves, and who is, perhaps, 99% responsible for its tremendous success.

Alfred Colcord Blake
Grand Commander



SIR KT. ALFRED COLCORD BLAKE, R. E. GRAND COMMANDER, PASSING THROUGH THE LINES OF 750 SIR KNIGHTS IN BOSTON GARDEN ON ALL-MASONIC NIGHT, JUNE 13, 1959



MASSED COLORS OF 35 COMMANDERIES STAND AT ATTENTION IN BOSTON GARDEN ON ALL-MASONIC NIGHT, JUNE 13, 1959

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS

AND

RHODE ISLAND

AT THE

156TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, OCTOBER 10, 1959

The One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island convened in Full Form at 9:30 A. M., Saturday, October 10, 1959, in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Massachusetts. Sir Knight Alfred C. Blake, Right Eminent Grand Commander, presided. Divine Blessing was asked by Sir Knight and Reverend Frank B. Crandall, Grand Prelate.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Credential Committee reported that there were 208 Sir Knights present, representing 43 Commanderies.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

SIR KT. ALFRED C. BLAKE.....*R. E. Grand Commander*
SIR KT. ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY.....*V. E. Deputy Grand Commander*
SIR KT. CLARENCE E. BOOTH.....*E. Grand Generalissimo*
SIR KT. RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS.....*E. Grand Captain General*
SIR KT. WILLIAM F. WEST.....*E. Grand Senior Warden*
SIR KT. LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN.....*E. Grand Junior Warden*
SIR KT. FRANK B. CRANDALL.....*E. Grand Prelate*
SIR KT. OTIS L. MASON.....*E. Associate Grand Prelate*
SIR KT. W. IRVING MONROE, JR.....*E. Associate Grand Prelate*
SIR KT. RALPH E. NOBLE.....*E. Associate Grand Prelate*
SIR KT. A. KENNETH MARTIN.....*R. E. Grand Treasurer*
SIR KT. GEORGE A. WEEKS.....*R. E. Grand Recorder*
SIR KT. GILBERT G. MACHON.....*E. Grand Standard Bearer*
SIR KT. RUSSELL R. LONG.....*E. Grand Sword Bearer*
SIR KT. HAROLD A. BUDREAU.....*E. Grand Warder*
SIR KT. G. BURTON LONG.....*E. Grand Captain of the Guard*
SIR KT. CLARENCE R. DAVIS.....*E. Grand Sentinel*
SIR KT. HERMAN C. MCSTAY.....*E. Division Commander*
SIR KT. GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.....*E. Division Commander*
SIR KT. THOMAS C. BROWN.....*E. Inspector Instructor*

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R. E. Sir John E. Rines
R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson
R. E. Sir George A. Weeks
R. E. Sir A. Kenneth Martin
R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.
R. E. Sir Frederic Kennedy
R. E. Sir Harrie M. Taft
R. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle
R. E. Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder
R. E. Sir Thomas A. Booth
R. E. Sir Dwight C. Page

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENT

R. E. Sir J. George Lang, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of the State of New York—Introduced by R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson

R. E. Sir George E. Cummings, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of the State of Vermont—Introduced by V. E. Sir Elliott N. Holley.

R. E. Sir Harold W. Greatorex, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of the State of New Hampshire—Introduced by R. E. Sir Frederic Kennedy.

R. E. Sir Guy I. Robb, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of the State of Connecticut—Introduced by Em. Sir Harold A. Budreau.

R. E. Sir Wilder D. Carr, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of the State of Maine, and R. E. Sir Albert W. Hoffses, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of the State of Maine—Introduced by V. E. Sir Elliott N. Holley.

R. E. Sir Frederick H. Devine, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of the State of New Jersey—Introduced by R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

R. E. Sir Gerald M. Pine, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of the State of Maryland, and R. E. Sir Etrebil Schaub, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Maryland—Introduced by R. E. Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder.

V. E. Sir Joseph D. Yerkes, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of the District of Columbia and personal representative of the Grand Commander, Sir Kt. John C. Mathes—Introduced by Em. Sir W. Irving Monroe, Jr.

Em. Sir Donald W. Vose, Commander-in-chief of Massachusetts Consistory and personal representative of Ill. Claude L. Allen 33° Deputy for Massachusetts for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.—Introduced by R. E. Sir A. Kenneth Martin.

Most Ill. James C. Bayley, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts—Introduced by R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson.

Most Ex. Alexander Campbell, Past Grand High Priest, and personal representative of Most Ex. Eugene P. Carver, Jr., Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts—Introduced by R. E. Sir Thomas A. Booth.

Em. Sir George B. Rowell, Representing Ill. Sir Frederic Duncan, Potentate of Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.—Introduced by R. E. Sir Robert Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

Rev. and R. E. Sir Howard T. Joslyn, Department Commander, Northeastern Division, Grand Encampment K. T., U. S. A.—Introduced by R. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle.

Rev. and R. E. Sir Phil Porter, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment K. T., U. S. A., and personal representative of Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment K. T. of U. S. A.—Introduced by R. E. Sir George A. Weeks.

Rt. Wor. Henry Faxon Smith, Deputy Grand Master and Acting Grand Master representing Most Wor. Andrew Gray Jenkins, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts and Rt. Wor. Donald T. Bates, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts—Introduced by R. E. Sir Thomas A. Booth.

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights be seated. Sir Knight Grand Captain of the Guard, dismiss the Escort.

The Grand Commander: At this time, I will ask the R. E. Grand Recorder to read the Roll of Grand Representatives.

ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	Em. Sir William Turner
Arizona	R. E. Sir Frederic Kennedy
Arkansas	Em. Sir Charles W. Gurdy
California	Em. Sir Herman C. McStay
Colorado	Em. Sir Robert E. Powell
Connecticut	Em. Sir Harold A. Budreau
Florida	R. E. Sir Dwight C. Page
Georgia	Em. Sir James R. Hooper
Illinois	Em. Sir Arthur H. Erickson
Indiana	Em. Sir Frank B. Ells
Iowa	Em. Sir Prescott W. Eaton
Kentucky	Em. Sir Harold L. Burr
Louisiana	Em. Sir William S. Cooper
Maryland	R. E. Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder
Michigan	Em. Sir William F. Clark
Minnesota	R. E. Sir Thomas A. Booth
Mississippi	Em. Sir Erford W. Poole
Montana	R. E. Sir Alfred C. Blake
Nebraska	Em. Sir John F. Mitchell
Nevada	Em. Sir Alexander Campbell
New Hampshire	R. E. Sir John E. Rines
New Jersey	R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.
New Mexico	Em. Sir Clarence E. Booth
New York	R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson
North Dakota	Em. Sir William H. Evans
Ohio	R. E. Sir George A. Weeks
Oklahoma	Em. Sir Everett B. Byles
Oregon	Em. Sir George Ringchrist
Pennsylvania	R. E. Sir A. Kenneth Martin
South Dakota	Em. Sir Clayton F. Fisher
Utah	Em. Sir John J. Mick
Virginia	Em. Sir Clarence R. Davis
West Virginia	R. E. Sir Harrie M. Taft
Wyoming	R. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, I am indeed happy that we have such a nice representation of the Grand Representatives here. I trust you will convey our compliments and best wishes to the jurisdiction whom you represent. Thank you.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

To the Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to welcome you all to this, the 156th Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the oldest Grand Commandery in the World.

I am particularly happy to welcome the visiting Grand Commanders from other jurisdictions, most of whom I have met many times during the past year and whose friendship I cherish.

The ravages of time have taken their usual toll from the ranks of Templary, and many distinguished Templars have sheathed their swords and entered that asylum above where the "wicked cease from troubling and the weary shall find rest."

All of us were saddened by the untimely passing of our Grand Captain General-elect E. Sir Raymond L. Hall on October 14th, 1958. To many of us it was a deep personal loss.

I also regret to report the passing of Sir Knight Clarence Emery Burleigh, Right Eminent Grand Commander, October 1928 to October 1929, who died on January 20, 1959; Sir Knights Harry P. Kenison, Eminent Past Grand Warder, died March 26, 1959; Arthur F. Jones, Eminent Past Grand Warder, died June 5, 1959; Earl C. Whelden, Eminent Past Grand Warder, died June 26, 1959, and John F. Widlund, Eminent Deputy Grand Warder, died February 1, 1959.

"No more can we extend Knightly greetings or
Clasp their hand, but for their deeds and
Faithful service, they will live in our memory."

At this time, we will suspend, and the Committee on Necrology will pay further tribute to our own departed Sir Knights and those of other Grand Jurisdictions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

BOSTON, MASS. OCTOBER 10, 1959

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar:

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Necrology presents its Annual Report for the year ending October 11, 1958 to October 10, 1959.

Recorded is the departure of 401 Sir Knights and 43 Past Commanders of this Grand Commandery. Recorded also is the departure of 36 Past Grand Commanders and 4 Grand Officers of other Grand Commanderies.

We mourn the departure of our brother Knights, who like pilgrims of old, have followed the Path of Pilgrimage and attained the goal.

Devoted to God, whose children they were, and champions of the Right, they fought manfully as good soldiers of Jesus Christ and kept the faith of loyalty and sacrifice.

As Christian knights they made the knight's solemn profession and the pilgrim's penitential confession.

Marching in the train of great leaders and revered servants of God and their fellow men, in the communion of devout memory, they sealed their faith as they took in their hands the sacred Chalice of Blessing.

This sacred Action was their testimony to their belief in the mortality of the body of their faith in the immortality of the soul. To them death is revealed as only the evening and star-studded night, whose stars point the way to the dawn of the new day. So they come to the Green Gate, portal to the realm of the life of the world to come.

We, Their Fraters, cherish in fond remembrance these beloved Sir Knights as we cross our arms in the Sign of the Good Shepherd. With lifted hands we commend their souls to God, in whose image they were created. God rest their souls in peace as they await the bright dawning of the Everlasting Morning. May the Light Perpetual be a light to their feet on their onward march to Perfection.

We share with the loved ones of these Sir Knights, whose names are recorded herewith and made a part of this memorial, the comfort and the sustaining hope of the Templar faith. Confident that God's will shall be done, we do this in remembrance of our Blessed Emanuel. Together with them we unite in faithful anticipation of the time,

when with Him and them, we shall partake of the fruit of the vine in the Eternal Eucharist in the Kingdom of God. In the universal community of Faith, Hope and Charity, we bless ourselves with the victory Sign of the Cross.

Courteously submitted,

E. AND REV. FRANK B. CRANDALL, *Chairman*
E. AND REV. OTIS L. MASON
E. AND REV. W. IRVING MONROE, JR.
E. SIR RALPH E. NOBLE

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THIS GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Commandery	*Past Commanders*	*Date of Death*
Boston No. 2	Lorin E. Lewis	Jan. 18, 1959
Washington No. 4	William H. Langley	Mar. 21, 1959
Worcester County No. 5	Edwin C. Gilman	Mar. 25, 1959
De Molay No. 7	Clarence Emery Burleigh	Jan. 30, 1959
	Harry P. Kenison	Mar. 26, 1959
	Theodore R. Lockwood	July 23, 1959
Holy Sepulchre No. 8	Andrew Burt	Mar. 18, 1959
Palestine No. 10	Edmund Kitson	Sept. 3, 1958
Milford No. 11	Albert H. Woodhead	Mar. 23, 1959
	Frank A. Whipple	May 5, 1959
Calvary No. 13	Charles A. Roberts	June 10, 1959
	Horace G. Belcher	June 26, 1959
Old Colony No. 15	Carl C. Poole	Mar. 11, 1959
Sutton No. 16	George Robert Holt	Apr. 21, 1959
Bethany No 17	Raymond Leslie Hall	Oct. 14, 1959
Winslow Lewis No. 18	Lewis William Dawes	Sept. 18, 1958
St. Omer No. 21	Abbott George Allbee	Dec. 2, 1958
Berkshire No. 22	Frank Russell Holt	Sept. 21, 1958
	William Wallace Howe	Nov. 24, 1958
	Arthur Franklin Jones	June 5, 1959
Connecticut Valley No. 23	Leander C. Hood	Mar. 11, 1959
	Phineas M. Young	July 12, 1959
Joseph Warren No. 26	Robert D. Bickerstaffe	Oct. 25, 1958
	Percy Lantz	July 24, 1959
Northampton No. 30	Aubrey Bickford Butler	Dec. 12, 1958
South Shore No. 31	Dunton Miller Bestick	Feb. 22, 1959
Coeur de Lion No. 34	Willard B. Hamlin	Aug. 19, 1958
	Percy Clark Bond	Mar. 16, 1959
Gethsemane No. 35	George Harold Dale	Dec. 4, 1958
	Carleton Francis Buddington	Apr. 2, 1959
Olivet No. 36	Harry A. Hemingway	July 11, 1959
Athol No. 37	William Russell Frye	Apr. 5, 1959
Cyprus No. 39	Christian Andreas Zappe	Dec. 20, 1958
St. Paul No. 40	Finlay C. McIntyre	Sept. 13, 1958
	Wallace H. Stoddard	May 8, 1959
Beauseant No. 41	Ernest Roscoe Potter	July 31, 1959
Orange No. 45	Robert Henry Anderson	July 28, 1959
Ivanhoe No. 46	Lloyd A. Steeves	Feb. 16, 1959
Thomas Smith Webb No. 51	Charles Edward Finlay	May 12, 1959
Sir Galahad No. 52	Thomas W. Greenway	Sept. 1, 1958
	Walter N. How	May 8, 1959
	Wilbur M. Silvester	June 26, 1959
	Raymond D. Willard	Feb. 11, 1959

DECEASED PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Arizona	R. E. SIR THOMAS HENRY BATE	Jan. 2, 1959
California	R. E. SIR AUBREY RIVERS PARKS	Mar. 24, 1959
Georgia	R. E. SIR JOHN WILLIAM MURRELL	Jan. 14, 1959
Idaho	R. E. SIR DELL O. BELLAMY	Sept. 9, 1958
Illinois	R. E. SIR FRANK INGRAM HOOPER	June 3, 1959
Indiana	R. E. SIR LAWRENCE DAVIS	Oct. 24, 1958
	R. E. SIR GEORGE J. LEININGER	July 10, 1958
	R. E. SIR PAUL GRIM SMILEY	July 5, 1959
	R. E. SIR GEORGE HORTON STEEL	Feb. 19, 1959
Kansas	R. E. SIR WILLIAM H. MARTIN	Aug. 21, 1959
	R. E. SIR PHILIP EUGENE STOTLER	Aug. 1, 1959
Kentucky	R. E. SIR GEORGE HERBERT WHEATLEY	May 18, 1959
Louisiana	R. E. SIR MARCEL THEODORE DUCCOS	Dec. 28, 1958
	R. E. SIR JULES FRANCOIS PEYTRAL	May 15, 1959
Maine	R. E. SIR ARTHUR JAMES FLOYD	Dec. 17, 1958
Michigan	R. E. SIR JAMES HENRY GARLICK	Dec. 18, 1958
Minnesota	R. E. SIR PAUL CARLYLE KNOPF	July 27, 1958
	R. E. SIR FRANK GLEN WARNER	Sept. 2, 1958
Montana	R. E. SIR WILLIAM FREDERICK DODGE	July 7, 1958
Nebraska	R. E. SIR WILL A. NEEDHAM	June 14, 1959
Nevada	R. E. SIR WALTER S. MACPHERSON	July 9, 1959
	R. E. SIR WALTER ADRIAN SUTTON	Jan. 25, 1959
New Hampshire	R. E. SIR EDGAR MICHELL BOWKER	Jan. 4, 1959
North Dakota	R. E. SIR CHESTER ARTHUR BUTLER	Aug. 31, 1958
	R. E. SIR SEVERT B. GULLICKSON	Dec. 30, 1958
	R. E. SIR ARCHIBALD D. MCCANNEL	July 22, 1959
	R. E. SIR ANTON MILES WOLD	Feb. 22, 1959
Ohio	R. E. SIR GEORGE NAEGELE	Dec. 21, 1958
Oregon	R. E. SIR MILTON LATHAM MEYERS	Feb. 16, 1959
Pennsylvania	R. E. SIR ROBERT W. MICHAEL	May 18, 1959
Tennessee	R. E. SIR HAMNER W. SCOTT	Jan. 8, 1959
Texas	R. E. SIR OTTO STEHLIK	Feb. 1, 1959
	R. E. SIR WILLIAM D. MILLER	Apr. 20, 1959
Wisconsin	R. E. SIR DAVID CHARLES ROBERTS	June 2, 1959
	R. E. SIR MYRON MACK WEST	Oct. 3, 1958
Wyoming	R. E. SIR CHARLES H. TOWNSEND	Mar. 3, 1959

DECEASED GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICER

Missouri	M. E. WILLIAM CATRON GORDON *Grand Master* 1952-1955	Jan. 10, 1959

DECEASED GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Georgia	SIR KT. WILLIAM JULIUS PENN *Grand Recorder*	July 30, 1959
Minnesota	SIR KT. JOHN HERMAN ANDERSON *Grand Recorder*	Jan. 28, 1959
New York	SIR KT. STANLEY EGBERT WILLIAMS *Past Grand Generalissimo*	July 28, 1958

RECEPTION

On October 16th my own Commandery, Boston Commandery No. 2, gave me a reception at the Dorothy Quincy Suite in the John Hancock Building. After a splendid Seiler Dinner, those present enjoyed several acts of entertainment following which I was presented with a television set.

VISITATIONS

Mrs. Blake and I attended the Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington, Virginia, and the Annual Grand Conclaves of the Grand Commanderies of New Jersey, Connecticut, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. I attended 29 Inspections and about 75 other affairs in addition to those above mentioned.

THE TEMPLAR

Again our monthly circular "The Templar" has been published each month. It is designed and intended to keep you all informed as to what is going on in our jurisdiction, and to keep you appraised as to our progress in obtaining our quota of new members.

While it is primarily intended for the Commanders and Officers of the Constituent Commanderies, it continues to receive very favorable comments from other jurisdictions.

GRAND COMMANDER'S BALL

Under the auspices of the Presiding Council's Club, the Grand Commander's Ball was held at the Hotel Statler on April 10th.

As usual it was very well attended and most enjoyable. This year it was given in honor of R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., who, during the course of the evening, was paid many well deserved tributes for all that he has done for Templary.

Six drill teams, three of which had only recently been organized, competed, and the prizes were won by the team from Holy Sepulchre Commandery of Pawtucket.

This evening is a very worthwhile affair, and I hope it may be held for years to come.

Many of you will doubtless recall that in his report at the Annual Grand Conclave in 1950, R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., stated in substance that in his opinion if the report of an outgoing Grand Commander were to have *any value at all* it should contain something more than a recital of *fancied accomplishments*, or a list of social engagements. With this statement I emphatically agree. I also believe that the report of an outgoing Grand Commander should contain something more than trite platitudes, and conventional and stereotyped generalities. So perhaps I should now tell you that my report will not be the usual and conventionl report. I feel that it is high time for some Grand Commander to speak his mind.

Quite possibly some of you may not approve of some of the things I am about to say. It is also quite possible that some of you may disagree with me violently at times. I hope, however, that all of you will agree with Voltaire when he said "I don't agree with a word you say, but I will defend with my life your right to say it."

MEMBERSHIP

I am glad to report a net gain for the year of 85. This is the 15th consecutive year in which we have shown a net gain. We have finally gone beyond the 15,000 figure. We now have 15,039 members, the largest number for a great many years. Seventeen Commanderies out of fifty made or exceeded their Quotas. To them, and to their able and hardworking Commanders, I want to express my thanks and sincere appreciation. Several other Commanderies very nearly achieved their quotas and to them go my thanks as well.

Our net gain would have been very substantially larger but for three reasons:

In the first place last year R. E. Sir Dwight Page conducted a very strenuous campaign to reduce the number of suspensions and demits. As the result of this, Commanderies which normally would have suspended their delinquents in June, instead of doing so, notified these delinquents that they *would be suspended* in September of 1958 *unless* their arrears were paid in the interim. The practical effect of this moratorium was that these suspensions were thereupon voted in September instead of in June, so that these suspensions are therefore included in our record for this year instead of last year, where it might be said, and with reason, they rightfully belong.

In no sense is this intended as criticism of my good friend R. E. Dwight Page. If I had been in his place I might very well have done the same thing.

I think you all are entitled to know, however, that while the suspensions voted in both September and October for 1957 were only 16, and this is the average number for these two months, the suspensions voted in September of 1958 amount to the astonishing total of 40. So for this year we wind up with a total of 90 suspensions while in 1957 there were only 67 suspensions voted. In other words, if we had had the normal number of suspensions in September, that is to say, sixteen, instead of forty, we would have shown a net gain of 24 more—or a total net gain for the year of 109 instead of 85.

In the second place the Rhode Island Commanderies, as usual, let us down very badly. If you will examine the records for the past 23 years, and perhaps much longer, you will see that almost everyone of the seven Commanderies in Rhode Island shows a net loss almost every year. It has been suggested by some that it would be a good idea for Rhode Island to form its own Grand Commandery. While it is not within my province to propose this, I do say that to anyone, who will take the trouble to examine the records, it will be indisputably apparent that Rhode Island, for many years has in effect been a millstone around the neck of this Grand Commandery.

It should be obvious to everyone willing to face facts, that the time has long since arrived when it is utterly impossible for Rhode Island to maintain seven successful Commanderies. At the most it can support only four, and quite possibly only two or three.

It is interesting to note that the 43 Massachusetts Commanderies with a total quota of 848 actually obtained 704 applications, or 83 plus percent of their quota, while the seven Rhode Island Commanderies, with a total quota of 152, actually obtained only 64 applications, or 42 plus percent of their total quota. In round figures the Rhode Island Commanderies did only about 50% as well as the Massachusetts Commanderies. With one exception all the Rhode Island Commanderies not only failed to make their quotas, but also show a *net loss* for the year.

Thomas Smith Webb Commandery which for some years has profited by a succession of able and hardworking Commanders, not only exceeded its quota, but also shows a net gain for the year of 11 members.

The seven Rhode Island Commanderies show a total *net loss* for the year of 31 members, however. On the other hand, the 43 Massachusetts Commanderies show a total *net gain* of 116. Deducting the loss of 31 shown by Rhode Island from the Massachusetts gain of 116 we wind up with a total net gain for the year of only 85.

I shall have more to say with respect to the situation in Rhode Island in due course.

In the third place we were handicapped by the fact that a number of Commanderies had Commanders who were incompetent, or lazy, or both.

It may be that in some areas in our jurisdiction business conditions were such as to prevent some Commanderies from making their respective quotas, and it may be that

some Commanders, in spite of the expenditure of a great deal of time and effort, did not succeed in obtaining enough applications to make their quotas.

On the other hand, so far as appears, still other Commanders did nothing but sit on their hands, *impatiently* awaiting the advent of that *glorious* day when they would be presented with a Past Commander's jewel.

AND FOR WHAT? Certainly not as a reward for accomplishment, or ability, or even for effort.

At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York last June a net loss of 391 for the year was reported. Only 20 out of a total of 71 Commanderies in New York showed a net gain for the year.

When the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, M. E. Louis H. Wieber, was called upon to speak he placed the blame for this large loss squarely on the shoulders of the Commanders of the 50 Commanderies which reported a net loss for the year. He minced no words in stating that they personally were the ones responsible. He stated that it was evident to him that these 50 Commanders were lazy, inefficient, or both, and that it was obvious that they should not have been elected as Commanders of their respective Commanderies.

He went on to say that to be a Commander involves a sacred trust or responsibility, that to be a good fellow, or a good ritualist, is not enough—that a good Commander must be a good executive and a good leader—that he must be really willing to work, to spend the necessary time and effort to make his year as Commander a success—that he must inspire his members by his example to get out and work—and then, and only then, would he have a successful year.

He also said that if a Commander is lazy, or unwilling to get out and work, or if he is not an executive and a leader, that he should resign and let someone else take over. He also said that any Commandery, which found itself with an incompetent or lazy officer in line should forthwith get rid of him and replace him.

To some of you this may seem somewhat harsh.

Nonetheless I sincerely believe that the Grand Master was 100% correct—that his statements were fully justified.

It has always seemed to me that an award of a Past Commander's jewel should not be considered purely a matter of routine—that it should only be presented to a Com-

mander who has done a good job, and who *has earned it.* A Past Commander's jewel should not be given to an incompetent, or a do-nothing Commander. The sooner the Commanderies realize this and refuse to give such a jewel to a Commander *who has not earned it* the resulting effect is bound to be most beneficial.

Many jurisdictions throughout the country report a net loss year after year. Many reports of out-going Grand Commanders, while reporting a loss, somewhat plaintively say that while the situation is regretable, they do not know the reason or the answer.

I suggest to you that usually, if not invariably, the answer is that the caliber of the presiding Commanders in these jurisdictions is so inferior that any result other than a net loss would be a most startling surprise.

Some months before I was installed as a Grand Commander I sent a circular letter to all the Generalissimos of all the Commanderies in this jurisdiction in which I said, among other things, that in my opinion one of the most important duties of an incoming Commander is the appointment of a warder, for, in effect, he is actually appointing someone in line who will ultimately be the Commander of his Commandery.

I think that most, if not all, of you, upon reflection, will agree with this.

I hope that all of you junior officers will keep this in mind. If you don't, and if you appoint someone in line merely because he is a "good fellow," or a "good ritualist," your Commandery will surely pay a harsh penalty therefor.

A full report of the Membership Committee will be given in due course.

FINANCES

Section 5 of Article VIII of our Constitution requires "that a Grand Commander keep his expenditures within the Budget submitted by the Finance Committee and adopted by this Grand Commandery."

This provision seems to be more honored in the breach than in the observance, however, for it is by no means unusual for a Grand Commander to report a more or less substantial deficit for his administration.

Although the income anticipated from knightings did not reach the figure anticipated in the Estimated Budget for this year, I am very happy to report that we operated

in the black throughout the year. In no instance did we go in the red on any budget item and we wind up the year with a total surplus of $952.43, which is the largest surplus reported for many years.

The Finance Committee approved an additional appropriation of $385.30 to cover the unexpected and increased cost of printing the proceedings for 1958, which, of course, is an expense not chargeable to this years administration.

CITATIONS OR CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Citations have been given since 1948. These Citations are given to Commanders and Commanderies "in recognition and appreciation of outstanding achievements" which stand as a mark of distinction in Promotional Activities during the year ending June 30, 1959.

I take pleasure, at this time, in making presentations to the following Commanders:

GOLD SEALS

Sir Kt. Howard L. MacOdrum, Eminent Commander of Boston Commandery No. 2 K. T.—For obtaining the largest number of Petitions—62

Sir Kt. H. Russell Chamberlain, Eminent Commander of Bethany Commandery No. 17 K. T.—For obtaining 311% of their Quota

Sir Kt. Francis L. Thomson, Eminent Commander of Sutton Commandery No. 16 K. T.—For obtaining 11.6% increase in membership and 119% of their Quota

Sir Kt. Stanley A. Gaw, Eminent Commander of Cyprus Commandery No. 39 K. T.—For obtaining their Quota Percentage for six successive years.

BLUE SEALS

Sir Kt. William A. Robair, Eminent Commander of Berkshire Commandery No. 22 K. T.—For obtaining 206% of their Quota

Sir Kt. Anthony W. Nimohay, Eminent Commander of Northampton Commandery No. 30 K. T.—For obtaining 200% of their Quota

Sir Kt. William A. Ranta, Eminent Commander of Bethlehem Commandery No. 43 K. T.—For obtaining 170% of their Quota

Sir Kt. Francis R. Sears, Eminent Commander of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 25 K. T.—For obtaining 150% of their Quota

Sir Kt. Russell E. Knight, Eminent Commander of Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51 K. T.—For obtaining 146% of their Quota

Sir Kt. Stephen J. Shovan, Eminent Commander of Orange Commandery No. 45 K. T.—For obtaining 140% of their Quota

Sir Kt. William J. Williams, Eminent Commander of South Shore Commandery No. 31 K. T.—For obtaining 130% of their Quota

Sir Kt. Edward A. Olson, Eminent Commander of Natick Commandery No. 33 K. T.—For obtaining 129% of their Quota

Sir Kt. Rosswell R. Hornbeck, Eminent Commander of Athol Commandery No. 37 K. T.—For obtaining 122% of their Quota

Sir Kt. Charles B. Climo, Eminent Commander of Reading Commandery No. 50 K. T.—For obtaining 120% of their Quota

Sir Kt. Robert L. Bennett, Eminent Commander of Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34 K. T.—For obtaining 108% of their Quota
Sir Kt. Donald B. Valentine, Eminent Commander of Temple Commandery No. 48 K. T.—For obtaining 107% of their Quota
Sir Kt. John R. Lyons, Eminent Commander of Palestine Commandery No. 10 K. T.—For obtaining 100% of their Quota
Sir Kt. Karl W. Benway, Eminent Commander of St. Andrew Commandery No. 49 K. T.—For obtaining 100% of their Quota

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Sir Knights of our Constituent Commanderies for their efforts in taking up the challenge "to practice and exemplify the teachings of Templary" and with their efforts, we have a NET GAIN in Membership of 85 and we have passed the 15,000 mark.

SEMI-ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE

We are the only Grand Commandery in the entire country which has a constitutional requirement for holding a Semi-Annual Grand Conclave.

We were therefore forced to have a Semi-Annual. Fortunately, through the splendid co-operation of the Officers and Past Commanders of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20, we were able to hold it at the Temple at Melrose with no charge for rent. In spite of this, the cost to the Grand Commandery for this Conclave nonetheless was $114.15 for printing and postage, which actually was money thrown away.

Nothing of urgent importance was on the Agenda of this Conclave, and nothing of any consequence was done.

We accomplished nothing except to have a few reports read, which otherwise would have been read at this Conclave.

I suggest that this strict mandatory provision is wholly and absurdly unnecessary. If abolished, a Grand Commander still has the right to call a Special Grand Conclave when, as, and if, he deems it necessary or advisable. For example, this year we had a Special Grand Conclave for the purpose of electing officers because of the untimely death of our Grand Captain General. While I had the power to make appointments, I felt that an election at a Special Grand Conclave was a more democratic procedure. And similarly last year, R. E. Sir Dwight Page, called a Special Grand Conclave in order to effect the passage of some amendments which were necessary because of the tax situation.

Some may say that a Semi-Annual is a good thing as it furnishes us with an opportunity to get together and mingle socially. But if it is to be a social gathering, and usually there is no other excuse for holding it, let us by all means have a social gathering whether it be a clambake, a dinner, a theatre evening, a cocktail hour, or what not, but let it be without cost to the Grand Commandery, which can most certainly use the money for some much more important purpose.

JOINT CONCLAVES

Very successful Joint Conclaves were held at Boston, Haverhill, and Holyoke, at which the Orders of Red Cross and Malta were put on in full form before classes of candidates numbering 43, 48, and 72 respectively.

These occasions provided an opportunity for a total of 163 candidates to witness beautiful and impressive renditions of these Orders in Full Form. These conclaves were very well attended, and all those present will agree, I am sure, that these affairs were most worthwhile. In Haverhill and Holyoke the asylum was filled to overflowing, and there is no doubt that these evenings did a great deal to advance the cause of Templary in these cities.

Our thanks and appreciation are due to Gethsemane, DeMolay, Worcester County, Hugh de Payens, and Holy Sepulchre Commanderies, for providing their full form teams to put on these beautiful orders at these joint conclaves.

ALL MASONIC NIGHT

On June 13th another extremely successful All-Masonic Night was held at the Boston Garden under the auspices of Aleppo Temple, the fourth largest shrine in North America.

As usual the Garden was filled to capacity, and thousands of applications for tickets were returned unfilled because there were no more seats available.

Approximately 750 Sir Knights, representing some 35 Commanderies, paraded in uniform with their colors, and provided a most inspiring spectacle for the 15,000 spectators.

This has developed into an annual event, and it is to be doubted if any other event during the year does nearly as much to advance the cause of Masonry.

Too much credit cannot be given to R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., who almost single handed, takes care

of, and arranges, the thousands of details which this evening involves, and who is, perhaps, 99% responsible for its tremendous success.

INSPECTIONS

All Commanderies held their annual inspections. A full report thereof will be given in due course by the Inspector Instructor.

This year, and with the *unanimous consent and approval* of the Council, the Wardens, and the Inspector Instructor, changes were effected in the format of the work to be done at Inspections.

About four months prior to the date of my installation as Grand Commander I called a meeting at my home at which the Council, the Wardens, and the Inspector Instructor were all present.

At this meeting I stated that while I desired to make certain changes in the work to be done on Inspection nights I felt that in any *successful* organization there must necessarily be some semblance of continuity of policy, that to my mind it was hopelessly futile for a change in policy to be made by an incoming Grand Commander only to have it dumped in the ash can by some more or less immediate successor, and that I had no intention of making these changes unless and until:

First: The Council and Wardens unanimously approved the proposed changes.

Second: They unanimously agreed to continue with these proposed changes during their respective administrations.

I thereupon explained the changes I wished to make and they were unanimously approved, and those present agreed to continue with these changes in the future, so at long last some continuity in policy appeared to be in sight.

The Full Form Opening was eliminated, largely because it was felt that it made little or no sense for a Commandery to rehearse it again and again solely for Inspection night and use it never, or at the most, very seldom, at its stated Conclaves. The Inspection and Review were retained, but the work consisted of the Order of the Temple, including the vow, the first Four Libations, the Fifth Libation, the Knighting and the Flags, but eliminating the Chamber, the Hermits, the Warfare, the Sepulchre scene, and the tedious Attributes. While this is a somewhat streamlined version of the Order, its essentials were retained, and in most cases

the Commanderies were able to finish the work between 9 and 9:15 P. M.

The Marking was done by the Division Commanders, and I venture to suggest that there is no more cause for criticism of the marks which they awarded than there was when the marking was done by a corps of Marking Officers.

YORK RITE NIGHTS

Very successful York Rite nights during the year were held at Gardner, Natick, Dorchester, Weymouth, Greenfield, Medford and Fitchburg and Cranston.

In each instance the Grand High Priest and the Grand Master of the Council were present, and the Grand Commander was represented by R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., who, for so many years, has so ably represented the Commandery at these affairs in his own inimitable and most effective way.

All of these York Rite Nights were very well attended. They obviously provide a very fertile field for obtaining applications for the York Rite. For example, the month following the York Rite Night at Natick the notice of the local Chapter had a very large number of candidates listed. If, however, the York Rite Night is not actively followed up by the York Rite bodies, and the potential candidates present interviewed and *asked* to sign applications, these nights are meaningless and ineffective. They result in a complete waste of time, money, and effort. You officers cannot sit on your hands and *blithely hope* that you will be inundated with a flood of applications through the mail the following week. Possibly you may get a few, but not nearly as many as you should obtain. So if you want to have a York Rite Night, and are willing to get out and do some work thereafter, by all means have one. If not, don't waste the time of the heads of the York Rite Bodies.

ASSISTANT INSPECTION INSTRUCTORS

Last year I asked our Inspector Instructor, E. Sir Thomas C. Brown, if he thought it would be possible for a corps of Assistant Inspector Instructors to be organized, whose duty it would be to visit the Commanderies to which they were respectively assigned and assist them in improving and perfecting their work. He replied that he thought it would be possible, and that he was most in favor of the idea. And while I would have doubted that it was possible Tom was 100% right. He did succeed in organizing such a group of devoted Sir Knights who gave freely and unstintingly of their time in so visiting the Commanderies to

which they were assigned. I am sure that all Commanders and their officers will agree that they were greatly helped by the visits, and instruction which they received.

There were only a few Commanderies which, for reasons best known to themselves, ignored the opportunity to receive the help of their Assistant Inspector Instructor, and as might be expected, in most such cases, these Commanderies were those which needed help the most.

All of these Assistant Inspector Instructors are Past Commanders, and all of them are well qualified to assist and coach any Commandery. Too much credit cannot be given to them for their work, and the time which they spent, far beyond the line of duty, and for which they received no compensation whatever, not even a penny for travel. I want to thank them publicly at this time, and to express to them my thanks and sincere appreciation for all which they did.

EXEMPLIFICATION TEAM

Again I am personally indebted to Sir Kt. Tom Brown, our Inspector Instructor. Again I asked him if he thought it would be possible for an Exemplification Team of Past Commanders to be organized for the purpose of exemplifying the Order of the Temple and the Inspection and Review throughout the jurisdiction. Again he said that he thought it could be done and that he was also heartily in favor of the idea. Such a team was accordingly organized through his efforts. Very successful exemplifications were held at Holyoke, Pawtucket, Melrose, Waltham, so that each Commandery in the jurisdiction had an opportunity to attend at least one exemplification at a convenient location, that is to say, no Officer of any Commandery was obliged to travel any considerable distance to attend at least one exemplification.

An opportunity was given to those attending to ask questions, and to have any phase of the work explained. I am sure that all who attended these exemplifications will agree that they were most helpful and worth while.

Some of the Assistant Inspector Instructors "doubled in brass" so to speak and served on the Exemplification Team. While they have already received and have worn a badge of their office as Assistant Instructors I want all of the Exemplification Team as their names are called to come to the East and be publicly recognized:

Commander.....E. Sir William Raymond, Holy Sepulchre
Generalissimo.....E. Sir Thorston B. Lind, Ivanhoe

Captain General.....E. Sir Wayne E. Soucey, Couer de Lion
Senior Warden.....E. Sir Howard L. Greer, Hugh de Payens
Junior Warden.....E. Sir Wilbur F. Garabedian, Natick
Prelate.....E. Sir Karsten H. Sandmo, Couer de Lion
Sword Bearer.....E. Sir Jack R. Baker, Thomas Smith Webb
Warder.....E. Sir Charles D. Harrington, Boston
Captain of the Guard.....E. Sir Harold L. Burr, Gethsemane
Master of Ceremonies.....E. Sir Edward F. Norton, Holy Sepulchre
National Color Guard.....E. Sir Everett A. Farr, Jerusalem
National Color Bearer.....E. Sir John W. Mackey, Jerusalem
National Color Guard.....E. Sir Norman R. Lowe, Jerusalem
Standard Bearer.....E. Sir Robert O. Johnson, South Shore
Beauseant Bearer.....E. Sir Frank C. W. Lazenby, Reading
State Flag Bearer.....E. Sir Norman E. Staveley, Pilgrim
Candidate.....E. Sir Burleigh W. Craig, Winslow Lewis

These Eminent Sir Knights deserve a great deal of credit for all they have done this past year. They deserve the appreciation and gratitude of all of us. I assure you, and them, that they have mine, and it gives me a great deal of personal pleasure to present each of them with a badge, or campaign bar, as an award for meritorious service.

In his Annual Report at the Grand Conclave on October 25, 1950, the Grand Commander, Right Eminent Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., stated:

"To my mind, unless a Grand Commander at the close of his year of service has some constructive suggestions to offer, his activity has merely measured off a *colorless* and *wholly ineffective* twelve months."

With these sentiments I most emphatically agree. It makes little difference to anyone here, or to those who may follow me, what I did or didn't do this year. Within a very short time, what I succeeded in accomplishing, or what I failed, or omitted to do, will long since have been forgotten. But I feel, as R. E. Sir Wilson did, that unless I can offer some constructive suggestions as a result of my experience in some ten years in the Grand Commandery line, that not only have I wasted my time, but that someone other than I should have been your Grand Commander this past year.

I, therefore, have some suggestions to make and I hope they may receive your careful consideration.

There is, I believe, no doubt in the minds of anyone that our Grand Commandery Line is much too long.

In the absence of deaths or resignations it can take eleven years for a man to go up through our line.

For this reason many able and well qualified commanders have declined appointment to the Grand Commandery line.

Of course if a number of Commanderies merge or consolidate, and this is eventually inevitable, the line must necessarily then be shortened. In the interim, however, I suggest that it be shortened by eliminating the Commanders of the 6th and 7th Divisions and that the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General who now have few, if any, duties be assigned to inspect the First and Second Divisions respectively. No one in line would be dropped as a result of this, but it would mean that two consecutive incoming Grand Commanders would have to agree to forego making an appointment to the Grand Commandery line. All of this would require but few and very simple amendments to the Constitution.

I also suggest that it might be well to make the offices of the Senior and Junior Wardens appointive rather than elective. This will conform to Section No. 19 of the Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, and Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies and Forms of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A. and also would require only a simple amendment to the Constitution.

If this were to be done it might result in a contest for the office of Grand Captain General, which, on occasion, might be a very good thing.

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE YORK RITE BODIES

Some of us can recall a period years ago when co-operation between the York Rite Bodies was largely conspicuous by its absence. As you all know, however, during the past years this condition has improved to a point where no one could ask for better co-operation than that which we have received from the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council. For years the Grand High Priest and Grand Master of the Council have been most co-operative and they have personally attended, and spoken at, most, if not all, of the many York Rite Nights which have been held.

There is still room for improvement, however. We still encounter a situation from time to time where the High Priest of a local chapter, who is not a member of any commandery, will tell his candidates that when they have taken the degrees in the Chapter they have had it; that the Capitular degrees are, in effect, the sum and total of all Masonic knowledge.

Any such High Priest is obviously shortsighted and foolish. He is defeating his own interests and those of his Chapter as well. While it would be difficult to compile accurate statistics, there is no doubt that at least 75% of all

candidates brought into any Chapter are sponsored by Commandery members who have obtained the signatures of these candidates on Commandery applications as well.

When I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter on December 9 I had an opportunity to talk with my good friend, Eminent Sir William F. Clark, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Council and the Grand Chapter, as well as the General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and with what, perhaps, might be termed my usual bluntness, I told him that to my way of thinking nothing could be any more boring than for a candidate, or the members on the sidelines, to watch a succession of seventeen or more candidates individually carrying the stone around on the first section of the Mark degree. While I anticipated something of an argument, as Bill and I have argued at various times over the year, somewhat to my surprise, he agreed with me, and stated that he would be in favor of having an exemplar, not only on the first section of the Mark degree, but also on the Past Masters Degree. While probably this conversation had nothing to do with it, I am happy to report that the Grand Chapter has since adopted a regulation enabling a Chapter to use such an exemplar on both degrees.

This is a tremendous step forward as it enables a Chapter to work the first three degrees in one evening, even on a large class of Candidates, and still conclude at a reasonably early hour, and work the Royal Arch Degree the following week.

This year some Chapters have done this, and as a result, the local Commandery has been able to work these candidates immediately thereafter.

There is still a great deal of room for improvement, however, with respect to the time required for a candidate to go through the Chapter and the Commandery. It is estimated that approximately 30% of those who take the York Rite and the Scottish Rite become members of the Shrine. All of us know that many are anxious to join the Shrine as soon as possible, and as to these we of the York Rite are far and away behind our good friends in the Scottish Rite.

The Scottish Rite can tell a man who has just taken his third degree "all you need to do is to attend four meetings on successive Friday evenings. You will thereupon become a 32° Mason and the next week you can join a Shrine if you wish." Seldom do we of the York Rite have an opportunity to extend a similar invitation. If we ask a third degree Mason to join the Chapter it can take him perhaps six

months or a year before he can get through the Chapter and the Commandery. To me this makes no sense whatever. While I was attending a Grand Conclave of a Grand Commandery in another state the Grand Commander in his annual report stated that he had heard that in Massachusetts if a young man in his twenties were to file an application in the Chapter, by the time he received the Order of the Temple he would have a long white beard.

While our situation is not quite that bad, all of us have seen cases where a High Priest may decide to work a class of candidates, if, as, and when, he felt like it. The fact that these candidates wanted to join a Commandery and the Shrine did not affect or influence him in the least.

While the Commanderies are dependent on the Chapters, the Chapters should recognize the fact that they are equally dependent upon Commanderies.

We believe, and I think all our good Chapter friends should agree, that the fullest measure of co-operation is essential to the welfare of both organizations.

As some of you know, a very interesting plan has been inaugurated in Lowell this year.

Some of the most prominent members of the York Rite in Lowell, being concerned about the condition of the York Rite there, formulated a plan to more or less consolidate the York Rite, and this plan was adopted by the three York Rite bodies. Under this plan the number of regular meetings for each body will be substantially reduced—the Chapter works in September, October, February and March; the Council works in November and April, and the Commandery works in December, January, May and June. The practical effect of this, of course, is that no one is obliged to attend more than one meeting a month unless special meetings are held, and those are discouraged.

A most successful Joint Public Installation of all three York bodies, at which the M.W. Grand Master, and the heads of the Grand Bodies of the York Rite were all present, was held on May 27.

While it is much too early to arrive at any definite conclusions, this plan has the blessing and approval of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Master of the Council, and the Grand Commander, and its progress will be watched with a great deal of interest.

If it proves to be successful, as we all hope, it may well be the forerunner of similar plans in other localities where

a rehabilitation of the York Rite is unquestionably necessary.

Anyone who has been through our Grand Commandery Line will unquestionably agree that we have altogether too many Commanderies in this jurisdiction. We have, as you know, a total of fifty and while I have no desire to hurt or offend anyone, we must admit that there are a number of Commanderies which have no excuse for continuing to exist. If we go back fifty or seventy-five years the Blue Lodge and the Commandery in a small town or city were the center of the social life of the community. There was, in those days, little or nothing to do except to go to church, some church function, or attend the local Lodge or Commandery.

In those days it was much more difficult to travel ten miles by horse and buggy than it is for us now to travel seventy-five miles by car, and a small town Commandery could prosper.

It would be the epitome of everything trite to say that "those days are gone forever." Furthermore, the trend of the population in various localities has been such that many Commanderies are now situated in areas where they can hope to obtain few, if any, candidates. We might just as well face this as an established fact. Other jurisdictions which I have visited this year have the same problem, some to a far greater extent than we here. We have reached a point, however, where, except for a few isolated cases, it is utterly impossible for two or three Commanderies to operate successfully in small towns or cities only a few miles apart. Nor can a small town Commandery hope to succeed. We are in a vicious circle. A small and struggling Commandery has a great deal of trouble getting any candidates. If it does not get an application, the work which it puts on is likely to be so poor that the candidate cannot be impressed and he may well wonder why he was foolish enough to have spent $50 to join an organization which he has no desire to visit again.

While perhaps all of you may agree that we have too many Commanderies, some of you may feel that although perhaps *some* Commanderies should quit, your Commandery, no matter how poorly it may be doing, and no matter how bleak its future may be, should continue its struggle to exist. This is a wholly natural feeling. All of us hate to have an organization, of which we have been a member for years, and of which we may have been the head, fold up and quit.

On the other hand, we should all be realistic. It does not matter whether or not we like the situation with which we are confronted. The fact remains we must accept it, and I submit to you that nothing can be more futile than a Commandery, which to everyone except a few diehards, is obviously on its way out, to adopt an ostrich like attitude, refuse to face realities, and refuse to admit that the sooner it consolidates with some other Commandery the better. You will recall Mr. Micawber in David Copperfield who, in spite of repeated and successive disasters, was always quite certain "that something is bound to turn up." While such optimism is laudable it just does not make any sense.

To quote once again from the annual report of Right Eminent Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.:

"The attitude of more than one dear old Past Commander contently basking in the fading twilight of past glories, while darkness gradually descends on his Commandery, sometimes reminds me of the dear old hen clucking contentedly on her nest as she vainly tries to hatch a white enamel doorknob! Her intentions are good, and her conduct requires no real work, or visible effort. But at least she isn't destroying anything in the process."

Some of us will undoubtedly live to see the time when we will have no more than twenty-five strong Commanderies in Massachusetts, and perhaps two or three in Rhode Island. In Massachusetts the Scottish Rite has ten valleys including three Consistories. Where do you think the Scottish Rite would be if it had forty-three valleys? After all, while we are a Fraternal Christian Organization the fact remains that any organization, fraternal or otherwise, must necessarily be run on a business like basis if it is to achieve any measure of success. Any business, large or small, which has some branch offices which are not succeeding, which are operating at a loss, and which, so far as can be determined, will continue to operate at a loss, will speedily eliminate those unproductive and unsuccessful offices, and concentrate its efforts upon those which are successful. While in the Grand Commandery we are unable to adopt such a dratsic procedure, unless and until the time arrives, as it did in St. Georges Commandery in Beverly some years ago, when the Grand Commander arrested its charter, I earnestly recommend that all of you give serious thought to this problem, and that those Commanderies which are running hopelessly behind in every way, and which to all, with the exception of a few well meaning diehards, have no possible reason for hoping for improvement in the future, earnestly consider consolidating with some nearby Commandery in the immediate future.

The situation in Rhode Island is particularly discouraging, and even depressing. Since 1936 the seven Commanderies there, with one exception, have shown a substantial net loss almost every year. During this period the membership of St. John's Commandery has dwindled from 1174 to 606, and that of Calvary Commandery from 1128 to 614. If this rate of attrition continues it seems possible, if not probable, that twenty years hence neither Commandery will be in existence and Rhode Island may be a Subordinate Commandery like Delaware. To many of us a merger or consolidation appears to offer the only possible alternative. If anyone has any other solution to this problem I have never heard it mentioned. I fully realize that any such suggestion may be utterly repugnant to many. There seems to be a feeling that "we won't join your Commandery, but we would be glad to have you join ours." Such an attitude, of course, gets us nowhere.

There must be a spirit of give and take, a willingness to compromise, if any progress whatever is to be anticipated.

Some of you may have heard me say that to me, and to many others as well, it is wholly absurd for two large Commanderies to operate in the same temple with two sets of officers and doing the same work with double or more the overhead. To me it is just as foolish as it would be for two A & P Supermarkets selling the same identical merchandise at the same identical prices to try to operate in the same identical business block. Any District Manager of the A & P who suggested this would undoubtedly be fired and perhaps even be committed to some mental hospital for observation.

Now all of this applies with almost equal force to Boston where we have two large and prosperous Commanderies with net gains in memberships for years while their permanent funds and annual income have also steadily increased.

I know many are afraid of losing their identity. But there is no reason for it. The Smith Commandery can merge with the Jones Commandery and become the Smith-Jones Commandery or the Jones-Smith Commandery. True, a merger would, or might affect, the line officers but some plan could be worked out to alternate or stagger the line.

Some say such a merger would eliminate competition and be disastrous in that fewer candidates would be obtained, that such a Commandery would be so large that it would be wholly unwieldy and tend to collapse of its own weight. I do not subscribe to either argument. Such a

Commandery would have so much more to offer a candidate that it would really have something to sell. Furthermore, there is a Commandery in Los Angeles, which is flourishing, with about 2600 members. Nearer to us is Detroit Commandery No. 1, with about 1600 members, which is perhaps the most successful and active Commandery in the Middle West.

I do not expect, or even hope, that you will all agree with me, but I do hope that you will give all of this some thought. Something has got to be done, and "it is later than you think."

THOMAS SMITH WEBB MEDALS

During 1958-1959, twenty Commanderies presented 141 Thomas Smith Webb Medals to "40-year Veterans."

St. John's No. 1	45
Boston No. 2	3
Holy Sepulchre No. 8	11
Palestine No. 10	1
Calvary No. 13	12
Haverhill No. 14	6
Old Colony No. 15	6
Sutton No. 16	4
Winslow Lewis No. 18	5
Jerusalem No. 19	4
St. Omer No. 21	8
Joseph Warren No. 26	11
Bristol No. 29	1
Northampton No. 30	2
Natick No. 33	1
Gethsemane No. 35	6
Olivet No. 36	1
Bay State No. 38	2
Beauseant No. 41	4
Quincy No. 47	8
Total	141

FIFTY YEAR BARS

During 1958-1959, eleven Commanderies presented twenty-eight "Fifty Year Bars."

Winslow Lewis No. 18	3
Jerusalem No. 19	3
St. Omer No. 21	4
Joseph Warren No. 26	4
Northampton No. 30	2
Trinity No. 32	1
Natick No. 33	1
Gethsemane No. 35	4
Olivet No. 36	1
Beauseant No. 41	2
Orange No. 45	3
Total	28

DISPENSATIONS TO RECEIVE AND BALLOT ON SAME AT THE STATED OR SPECIAL CONCLAVE

In accordance with the specific powers granted to the Grand Commander by ARTICLE VIII, Section 2, of the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Commandery to permit Constituent Commanderies to receive petitions and ballot thereon at the same or Special Conclaves after such notice as he may deem proper, I Granted dispensations to RECEIVE AND BALLOT, during 1958-1959, upon petitions at the same or Special Conclaves as follows:

Number of Petitions		
2	September 2, 1958	Palestine Commandery No. 10
2	October 17, 1958	Gethsemane Commandery No. 35
2	October 22, 1958	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46
4	October 29, 1958	De Molay Commandery No. 7
1	November 17, 1958	Springfield Commandery No. 6
1	December 2, 1958	St. Omer Commandery No. 21
1	December 12, 1958	Milford Commandery No. 11
7	December 15, 1958	Boston Commandery No. 2
1	December 22, 1958	Worcester County Commandery No. 5
1	December 30, 1958	St. John's Commandery No. 1
2	January 7, 1959	Palestine Commandery No. 10
6	January 19, 1959	Calvary Commandery No. 13
1	January 23, 1959	Winslow Lewis Commandery No. 18
2	January 23, 1959	De Molay Commandery No. 7
1	January 30, 1959	Haverhill Commandery No. 14
5	February 3, 1959	Palestine Commandery No. 10
6	February 12, 1959	South Shore Commandery No. 31
10	February 18, 1959	Boston Commandery No. 2
2	February 19, 1959	Springfield Commandery No. 6
1	February 20, 1959	South Shore Commandery No. 31
2	March 2, 1959	Bethlehem Commandery No. 43
1	March 17, 1959	Cyprus Commandery No. 39
2	April 6, 1959	Natick Commandery No. 33
3	April 6, 1959	Trinity Commandery No. 32
2	April 8, 1959	St. Omer Commandery No. 21
1	April 9, 1959	Joseph Warren Commandery No. 26
3	April 10, 1959	Temple Commandery No. 48
2	April 13, 1959	Reading Commandery No. 50
1	April 13, 1959	Berkshire Commandery No. 22
4	April 25, 1959	Boston Commandery No. 2
3	April 17, 1959	Worcester County No. 5
9	April 17, 1959	Calvary Commandery No. 13
4	April 21, 1959	St. Andrew Commandery No. 49
2	April 21, 1959	Milford Commandery No. 11
1	April 23, 1959	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46
1	May 4, 1959	Joseph Warren Commandery No. 26
2	May 6, 1959	Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34
2	May 11, 1959	Natick Commandery No. 33
1	May 19, 1959	Cambridge Commandery No. 42
9	May 20, 1959	Boston Commandery No. 2
1	May 25, 1959	Haverhill Commandery No. 14
2	June 4, 1959	De Molay Commandery No. 7
1	June 5, 1959	Natick Commandery No. 33
2	June 5, 1959	Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20
8	June 15, 1959	Boston Commandery No. 2

2	June 15, 1959	Calvary Commandery No. 13
1	June 15, 1959	Jerusalem Commandery No. 19
1	June 22, 1959	Gethsemane Commandery No. 35
3	June 25, 1959	South Shore Commandery No. 31
134	Total	

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED FOR OTHER PURPOSES

September 9, 1958—Trinity Commandery No. 32, Hudson, Mass., to hold a special election for the offices of Generalissimo and Trustee.

September 9, 1958—St. Andrew Commandery No. 49, Holyoke, Mass., to hold a special election for the office of senior warden.

September 17, 1958—Beauseant Commandery No. 41, Malden, Mass., to hold a special election for the office of junior warden.

September 19, 1958—Sir Galahad Commandery No. 52, Waltham, Mass., to hold a special election for the office of recorder.

September 29, 1958—Springfield Commandery No. 6, Springfield, Mass., to hold a special election for the office of Trustee of the Permanent Fund.

October 15, 1958—Presiding Councils Club, Boston, Mass., for all Commanderies to appear in public in full Templar Uniform for the "Assembly of Knights Templar and Grand Commandery Ball, April 10, 1959.

December 1, 1958—Haverhill Commandery No. 14, Haverhill, Mass., Haverhill Commandery Degree Team to appear in full uniform in Merrimack Lodge, Haverhill to raise a candidate.

December 9, 1958—Trinity Commandery No. 32, Hudson, Mass., Trinity Commandery Degree Team to work the Royal Arch Degree at Houghton Chapter on December 11, 1958.

December 22, 1958—Old Colony Commandery No. 15, Abington, Mass., to confer the Order of the Temple in the Masonic Temple, Plymouth, Mass., on February 23, 1959.

January 5, 1959—Bay State Commandery No. 38, Brockton, Mass., to work the Order of the Temple in the Masonic Temple, Middleboro, Mass., on February 28.

COURTESIES RECEIVED

November 6, 1958—Hampton Commandery No. 17, Newport News, Virginia conferred the Orders of Knighthood upon Captain Harold Thurston as a courtesy to Olivet Commandery No. 36 K. T., Lynn, Massachusetts.

March 16, 1959—Sunshine Commandery No. 20 K. T., St. Petersburg, Florida, conferred the Orders of Knighthood upon Walter E. Tilton as a courtesy to Newburyport Commandery No. 3 K. T., Newburyport, Massachusetts.

March 17, 1959—St. John's Commandery No. 3 K. T., Bangor, Maine, conferred the Orders of Knighthood upon Norton Wilson Cann as a courtesy to Boston Commandery No. 2 K. T., Boston, Massachusetts.

May 11, 1959—Oakland Commandery No. 11 K. T., Oakland, California, conferred the Orders of Knighthood upon George A. Claflin as a courtesy to St. John's Commandery No. 1 K. T., Providence, Rhode Island.

June 12, 1959—Trinity Commandery No. 7 K. T., Augusta, Maine, conferred the Orders of Knighthood upon John Henry Daniels as a courtesy to De Molay Commandery No. 7 K. T., Boston, Massachusetts.

PERMISSION TO INVADE RECEIVED

June 1, 1959—De Molay Commandery No. 7, Boston, Massachusetts, received permission to invade the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine to confer the Order of the Temple on their candidate, John Henry Daniels.

PERMISSION TO INVADE GRANTED

January 23, 1959—Hugh de Payens Commandery, Keene, New Hampshire, to invade the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to confer the Order of Knighthood upon their companions in Haverhill Commandery No. 14, Haverhill, Massachusetts.

March 3, 1959—St. George Commandery, Nashua, New Hampshire, to invade the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and witness the Order of Malta at Pilgrim Commandery No. 9 K. T., Lowell, Massachusetts.

January 13, 1959—Boston Commandery No. 2, Boston, Mass., to appear in Rabboni Lodge, Dorchester, and exemplify Inspection and Review in full form on January 15, 1959.

January 13, 1959—Boston Commandery No. 2, Boston, Mass., to appear in Loyalty Lodge, Jamaica Plain, and exemplify Inspection and Review in full form on February 23, 1959.

January 29, 1959—Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, to put on an exhibition drill for the members of Hamilton Lodge, North Scituate, Rhode Island, on February 21, 1959.

February 27, 1959—Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, to put on an exhibition drill for the members of Barney Merry Lodge, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, on March 17, 1959.

March 17, 1959—Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8, Pawtucket, Rhode Island to have a drill team put on an exhibition drill in Union Lodge, on April 8, 1959.

March 23, 1959—Haverhill Commandery No. 14, Haverhill, Mass., to visit Bethany Commandery No. 17, Lawrence, Mass., and take part in the work.

June 10, 1959—Boston Commandery No. 2 K. T., Boston, Mass., to work the Orders of the Red Cross, Malta and Temple on June 17, 1959.

July 22, 1959—Orange Commandery No. 45, Orange, Mass., and Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46, Gardner, Mass., to appear in public and take part in the Anniversary Parade in Westminster, Mass.

August 6, 1959—Sutton Commandery No. 16, New Bedford, Mass., to hold a special election for the office of junior warden at their Stated Conclave in September.

RELEASE OF JURISDICTION RECEIVED

April 15, 1959—St. George Commandery K. T. of Nashua, New Hampshire, granted Release of Jurisdiction over Adolph Stoklosa, Salem, New Hampshire, to Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K. T. of Fitchburg, Mass.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

March 9, 1959—North Carolina, Sir Kt. W. Reid Howe, as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Jurisdiction of North Carolina.

April 28, 1959—Washington, Sir Kt. Ceil M. Ward as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington.

May 13, 1959—Missouri, Sir Kt. William R. Robbins as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri.

May 14, 1959—Indiana, Sir Kt. Richard D. Unger, as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Jurisdiction of Indiana.

August 3, 1959—Tennessee, Sir Kt. Paul Adams Chapman as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near the Grand Jurisdiction of Tennessee.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

May 18, 1959—California, Sir Kt. Herman C. McStay as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of California near this Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

APPRECIATION

My thanks and appreciation are due to all who have co-operated so well during the past year. No one could ask for better co-operation than that which we have received from M.E.G.H. Eugene Carver and M.I.G.M.'s Frank Wilson and James C. Bayley. It has been superb at all times.

I am also grateful for the help and advice given by the Past Grand Commanders, and to R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., very specially, whose advice and wise counsel were frequently of immeasurable help to me.

In particular I should like to express my appreciation to M.W. Andrew Gray Jenkins, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for all he has done for me and for the York Rite in particular. On many occasions he has taken the time from a frightfully heavy and busy schedule to attend, and take part in, York Rite affairs.

And last, but not least, I want to tell you that I owe our Grand Recorder, R. E. Sir George A. Weeks more in gratitude and appreciation than I can possibly put into words. George and I were on the phone several times a day on the average. He always had an answer or solution to my questions and problems, and as you may know, he has forgotten much more about protocol and Grand Commandery law and procedure than most of us will ever know. His counsel and advice were invaluable. We discussed a great many problems. Sometimes I would think one way and he another, but in the end we invariably wound up in complete agreement. At no time did we have a real disagreement, or even an argument. In other words, our relationship during the entire year was not only harmonious, but also exceedingly pleasant, and I, for one, really enjoyed it. In my opinion he is the best Grand Recorder in the entire country. All visiting Grand Commanders will please take notice.

CONCLUSION

And so, Sir Knights, I come to the end of a very long road. In a few short hours I shall be relegated to a place on the top shelf in the darkest closet.

While this year has been both hectic and strenuous it has been one of the most pleasant years in my life. There are very few honors which I would prefer than to serve as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Whether my administration has been good, bad, or indifferent, is for you to decide. In any event it has, I believe, been run on a business-like basis.

Many of you have heard me say that the Commandery occupies the unique position of being the only Christian organization in the entire Masonic structure. We are justly proud of our Christian heritage. Because of this, and perhaps for other reasons as well, it has always seemed to me that there is no other body in Masonry in which so many real and lasting friendships are made.

In the Book of Ecclesiasticus in the Apocrypha, we read,

"A faithful friend is a strong defense; and he that hath found such an one hath found a treasure. A faithful friend is the medicine of life; and they that fear the Lord shall find him."

To have met, and to become a friend of such men as E. Sirs Budreau, McStay, Ells, and R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., to mention only a few, would have made membership in a Commandery most worthwhile to me, apart from everything else.

I bespeak for the incoming Grand Commander the same wonderful co-operation which most of you gave to me during the past year.

Courteously submitted,

ALFRED COLCORD BLAKE
Grand Commander

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Report of the Grand Commander be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Now, Rt. Wor. Acting Grand Master Henry Faxon Smith, we would be delighted to hear from you.

RT. WOR. HENRY FAXON SMITH: R. E. Grand Commander, member of the Grand Encampment, distinguished

visitors, Sir Knights, and my Brethren. It is my happy privilege this morning to bring to you warm fraternal greetings and felicitations of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, your Most Wor. Grand Master, and my personal greetings. Our Most Wor. Grand Master is out of the jurisdiction as the Grand Commander has intimated. His loss is my gain.

I have listened with a great deal of interest to the report of our Grand Commander and I might observe that kindred problems are prevalent in all branches of Freemasonry everywhere. But I do hasten to add, Sir Knights, that Freemasonry in Massachusetts insofar as your Grand Lodge is concerned is a strong and potent force. The petitions for institution and constitution of new Lodges have been many. Thus far this year we have organized, or will have by December 28, several new Lodges. It has been the policy of the Grand Master and the Board of Directors to discourage the organization of new Lodges where the problem is prevalent here in the metropolitan area of Boston in certain of the districts that have been alluded to by the Grand Commnader, where the shift and change of population is such and it is felt that many of these Lodges that have existed for more than a hundred years should not go out of business, lose their identity, their rich Masonic history. Therefore, they have been invited to relocate in the areas where the petitioners have sought for new Lodges. And that is one of the solutions that your Grand Lodge has had under consideration and sponsored and fostered.

The Grand Lodge is deeply interested in every branch of Freemasonry in this Commonwealth and is interested in this Grand Commandery. The Sir Knights of several Commanderies that compose this Grand Commandery are the public showpiece of Freemasonry in this Commonwealth. We have no other way of demonstrating to the outside world our existence except through you Sir Knights and it is a great challenge.

You have a great heritage. I am sure you are all proud of it as I am proud to be a Sir Knight myself. As the only truly Christian Masonic organization that exists in this Commonwealth, and so far as I know throughout these United States, I would feel that it would behoove you to give deep consideration to the recommendations that have been called to your attention. It is not the policy of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master or myself to advocate any of the policies of any collateral body. These problems are something for you to work out and you alone. You are a separate autonomous group, part of the great Fraternity as exist here in this Commonwealth.

I have every confidence that Templar Masonry will continue to flourish and grow. I take issue with anyone who endeavors to say to me that Templar Masonry is a decadent organization. You may have to close your ranks a bit but certainly I feel the great need in Masonry wheresoever dispersed, whatever department or organization, is the great need for young men.

I had the privilege to preside over our Grand Chapter for three years and analyze the records, as your Grand Commander has, and certainly the York Rite in Massachusetts is becoming an old man's society and you must realize it. The Chapters must realize it. For the life blood of the whole York Rite must flow through the Chapter and there the ground work must be done to induce the young Master Masons coming into the Lodges, at a rate of nearly 6,000 a year in this Commonwealth, to come forward and embrace the York Rite. One of the deficiencies in the whole York Rite system is our inability to match the membership campaigns of the Scottish Rite and the second deficiency in the York Rite system in this Commonwealth, Sir Knights, is the inability of the subordinate bodies to render the ritualistic work in an impressive and interesting manner. I have never seen a poor Scottish Rite Degree but I think you will all agree with me, after listening to your Grand Commander, that much is desired in all of our York Rite bodies—by that I mean the subordinate bodies—in the ritualistic work. I am not one of those who feel that we must dot every "i" and cross every "t" in that ritual.

The whole purpose of Freemasonry, Sir Knights, is the education of the initiate into the principles and the ideals of the several branches of the organization.

I am speaking of the York Rite and not of the Grand Lodge—in not how correct the Ritual is but how impressive it is. That is the point I think you have got to get across to the junior officers in the jurisdictions and to the officers of the Councils and Chapters.

I am preaching to the wrong congregation here this morning, Sir Knights, because all of you know full well the correctness of what I say and those who should hear the lecture are not present, but I feel that if you do take that attitude, that position, in the government of your Commanderies and those in the Councils and in the Chapters, that much can be accomplished.

It has been a pleasure to be here in my official capacity. I wish to express to you, R. E. Sir, my thanks and those of the Rt. Wor. Bro. Bates, Grand Standard Bearer of the

Grand Lodge, and for our respective wives, for the courtesies and hospitality that has been extended to us on this visit to you and this Conclave. Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, Rt. Worshipful.

NOTE: During the Conclave the following guests were introduced, each spoke briefly and brought the Greetings of their respective Bodies:

Sir Knight and Reverend Sir Phil Porter, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment K. T. of U. S. A., and the personal representative of Sir Knight Louis H. Wieber, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment K. T. of U. S. A., who brought the Greetings of the Grand Master. During the course of his remarks he spoke of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation and the Eye Foundation concluding his remarks with:

"I have faith and you have and together, we are united by the bond. We have faith in our Order that it is worthwhile, that it is reaching out everywhere for the betterment of our country and the world. We have faith that we should serve it and keep it alive and keep it strong and growing."

Most Illustrious James C. Bayley, Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts.

Most Excellent Alexander Campbell, Past Grand High Priest, and personal representative of Most Ex. Eugene P. Carver, Jr., Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

Em. Sir George B. Rowell, representing Ill. Sir Frederic Duncan, Potentate of Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

Em. Sir Donald W. Vose, Commander-in-chief of Massachusetts Consistory and personal representative of Ill. Claude L. Allen, 33° Deputy for Massachusetts for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

R. E. Sir George E. Cummings, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Vermont who spoke for the presiding and Past Commanders who were the guests of this Grand Commandery.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will now have the report of the Grand Recorder.

Boston, Mass., October 10, 1959

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Total Membership as of June 30, 1958			14,954
Gains			
Knighted	695		
Affiliated	27		
Reinstated	17		
		739	
Losses			
Demitted	120		
Suspended	90		
Deaths	444	654	
Net Gain		85	85
Total Membership as of June 30, 1959			15,039

Massachusetts	12,820
Rhode Island	2,219
	15,039

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

EXHIBIT "A"

GRAND RECORDER'S CASH SUMMARY
GENERAL FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1959

Arrears Collected	$ 35.75
Per Capita Dues	14,999.08
Candidates' Fees	3,475.00
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	449.65
Diplomas and Engrossing	819.00
Tactics	4.00
Fifty Year Bars	26.40
1958 Conclave	2,602.11
Official Order No. 1	178.42
Eye Foundation	14,421.00
Annual Conclave Dinners	318.25
Lost Rituals	30.00
Funeral Rituals	.50
Refund Insurance	13.75
Joint Conclave Dinner	636.00
Master of Ceremonies Books	2.50
Loan—Educational Foundation	5,000.00
Past Grand Warder's Jewel	33.38
Dividends—Savings Bank	17.50
Refund—Triennial	10.00
Grand Encampment Constitution	15.75

Printing and Postage	4.32
Official Photo Annual Conclave	20.00
Total Receipts for Fiscal Year	$43,112.36
Paid to Grand Treasurer	$43,112.36

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the Report of the Grand Recorder and print same in the Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will hear the Grand Treasurer's Report.

EXHIBIT "B"

GRAND TREASURER'S CASH SUMMARY
GENERAL FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1959

September 1, 1958, Balance on Hand		$16,107.21
Received from Grand Recorder during fiscal year		43,112.36
Total		$59,219.57

Expenditures During Fiscal Year

Per Capita Tax		$ 2,317.87
Conclaves		5,358.24
Printing and Postage		2,046.87
Telephone		254.32
Office Supplies		201.12
Thomas Smith Webb—Medals		235.94
Grand Commander's Fund		500.00
Rent		2,125.00
Proceedings		1,567.30
Bonding and Insurance		303.61
Inspection		740.05
1961 Triennial		250.00
Salaries:		
Grand Recorder	$2,158.00	
Grand Treasurer	500.00	
Secretary	1,924.00	
	$4,582.00	
Less—S.S. and W.H. Taxes	514.98	4,067.02
Fifty Year Bars		112.68
Official Order No. 1		88.17
Withholding Taxes		373.30
Social Security Taxes		208.11
Unemployment Taxes		35.15
Audit		200.00
Lost Rituals		20.00
Laundry and Towels		12.00
Group Meetings		327.50
Eye Foundation		14,421.00
Flowers		31.94
Cooler and Water		53.19

Promotional Activities	250.00	
Shoulder Straps and Birette	78.20	
Joint Conclave Dinner	826.95	
Donations	21.00	
Repair G. C. Jewel	53.50	
State Withholding Tax	17.51	
Memorial Cards	56.50	
Plates	43.39	
Maintenance	16.25	
Repairs—Furniture and Fixtures	12.44	
Furniture and Fixtures	282.00	
Exemplifications	399.11	
Refund—Per Capita Tax	3.00	
Miscellaneous	41.00	
Repayment—Loan Educational Foundation	5,000.00	
Public Relations and Publicity	181.94	
Refund—Triennial	10.00	
Total		43,143.17
August 31, 1959 Balance on Hand		$16,076.40
Represented by:		
First National Bank of Boston—Checking Account	$15,576.40	
South Weymouth Savings Bank Account—Book No. 19542	500.00	
Total		$16,076.40

EXHIBIT "C"

COMPARATIVE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1959

	Actual	*Budget*	*Balance*
INCOME:			
Per Capita Dues	$15,039.00	$14,954.00	$ 85.00
Candidates' Fees	3,475.00	3,750.00	*275.00*
Miscellaneous Income	272.18	500.00	*227.82*
Total Income	$18,786.18	$19,204.00	$ *417.82*
EXPENSE:			
Dues—Grand Encampment	$ 2,317.87	$ 2,318.00	$ .13
Conclave — 1959	2,500.00	2,500.00	....
Proceedings 1958	1,200.00	1,200.00	....
Printing and Postage	916.69	1,500.00	583.31
Rent	2,125.00	2,125.00	....
Inspections	740.05	750.00	9.95
Group Meetings	327.50	400.00	72.50
Bonding and Insurance	289.86	300.00	10.14
Salary—Grand Recorder	2,158.00	2,158.00	....
Salary—Grand Treasurer	500.00	500.00	....
Salary — Secretary	1,924.00	1,924.00	....
Exemplifications	399.11	400.00	.89
Grand Commander's Fund	500.00	500.00	....
Public Relations and Publicity	349.89	350.00	.11
Promotional Activities	250.00	250.00	....
Social Security & Unemployment	135.66	200.00	64.34

Grand Commander's Jewel	53.50	65.00	11.50
Triennial Conclave	250.00	250.00	....
Auditor	200.00	200.00	....
Office Supplies	208.12	271.00	62.88
Telephone	254.32	300.00	45.68
Miscellaneous and Contingent	409.00	500.00	91.00
Total Expense	$18,008.57	$18,961.00	$ 952.43
Supplementary Appropriations Proceedings	385.30	385.30	....
	$18,393.87	$19,346.30	$ 952.43
Net Income or Expense	$ 392.31	*$ 142.30*	$ 534.61

EXHIBIT "D"

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE RESERVE ACCOUNT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1959

Balance—September 1, 1958 (As per last report)		$ 63.25
Add—Appropriation for 1961 Triennial	$250.00	
Interest on Savings Account	5.14	255.14
Balance—August 31, 1959		$318.39
Represented by:		
Deposit in South Boston Savings Bank—Book No. 189482		$318.39

EXHIBIT "E"

CARRIE E. SEITZ FUND

Balance—September 1, 1958—Principal	$4,536.13	
Interest	159.73	
Total Fund		$4,695.86
Add—Interest on Savings Account		165.78
		$4,861.64
Deduct—Interest withdrawn for grants		None
Balance—August 31, 1959—Principal	$4,536.13	
Interest	325.51	
Total Fund		$4,861.64
Represented by:		
Deposit in South Weymouth Sav. Bank—Book No. 22847		$4,861.64

EXHIBIT "F"

GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT AUGUST 31, 1959

ASSETS

Cash—General Account		
First National Bank of Boston	$15,576.40	
S. Weymouth Sav. Bank—Bk. No. 19542	500.00	$16,076.40
Petty Cash		25.00
Accounts Receivable		485.07
Furniture and Fixtures		1,300.03
Past Grand Commander's Jewel		50.00
Inventories—Diplomas	$ 155.04	
Printing Supplies	330.08	
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	35.25	
Fifty Year Bars	70.84	
Past Grand Commander's Buttons	18.60	
Grand Encampment Constitutions	21.00	
Order of Merit Badges	68.40	699.21
Total Assets		$18,635.71

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Withholding Taxes—Federal and State	$ 76.69	
Social Security Taxes	17.82	
Accrued Expense	200.00	
Total Liabilities		$ 294.51
Net Worth—September 1, 1958	$17,948.89	
Add—Net Income (Exhibit "C")	392.31	
Net Worth—August 31, 1959		18,341.20
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		$18,635.71
Conclave Account—Wildey Savings Bank—Book No. 191833		$ 3,298.65

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the Report of the Grand Treasurer and print same in the Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will now hear the Report of the Auditor.

September 14, 1959

GENERAL FUND

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND CERTIFICATE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1959

I have examined the books and records of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1959, and present the various sum-

maries of cash transactions, the comparative income and expense statement for the fiscal year, and the general fund balance sheet as at August 31, 1959.

Exhibit "A"—Grand Recorder's Cash Summary
Exhibit "B"—Grand Treasurer's Cash Summary
Exhibit "C"—Comparative Income and Expense Statement
Exhibit "D"—Triennial Conclave Reserve
Exhibit "E"—Carrie E. Seitz Fund
Exhibit "F"—General Fund Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1959

The actual income for the year was $417.82 below the budgeted figure for the period, while the actual expense for the year, including the supplementary appropriation for the proceedings, was $952.43 below the budgeted expense. The actual net income for the year was $392.31, which amount has been added to the net worth at the beginning of the fiscal year.

During the examination, cancelled checks and approved vouchers for disbursements were presented and examined. Cash balances were reconciled with the bank statements and confirmed by the various depositaries. Amounts due on various Commandery returns were compared with actual receipts which in turn were checked to the Grand Treasurer's bank account. The statistical data on the returns was checked to the Grand Recorder's summary.

The petty cash fund was verified by count. The unpaid accounts receivable are shown on the balance sheet.

The amount voted by Grand Commandery for the conclaves of the current year was transferred from the General Fund to a savings bank account, No. 191833, at the Wildey Savings Bank. The balance of this account at the balance sheet date is shown as a footnote on Exhibit "F."

Additions to the Triennial Conclave Reserve Fund and the Carrie E. Seitz Fund have been shown in Exhibits "D" and "E", respectively.

Various inventories and liabilities for accrued expense and taxes have been adjusted as of August 31, 1959.

I hereby certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, relating to the General Fund for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1959, and the State of the Fund as at that date.

Respectively submitted,

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER
Certified Public Accountant

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the Auditor's Report and print same in the Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will have the Report of the Trustees of the Grand Fund.

Boston, Mass., October 10, 1959

To the Officers and Members of This Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

The Trustees of the Grand Fund present herewith the Report for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1959, in the appended exhibits:

Exhibit A—Income and Expenses Statement for fiscal year ended August 31, 1959
Exhibit B—Balance Sheet as of August 31, 1959
Exhibit C—Schedule of Bonds, Stocks and Savings Bank Deposits as of August 31, 1959

The accounts have been audited and the securities examined by Em. Sir Hurlbut L. Plummer, Certified Public Accountant.

Courteously submitted,

JOHN E. RINES, Chairman
ARCHIBALD T. MEIKLE
HUBERT N. BERNARD, JR.
Trustees of the Grand Fund

EXHIBIT "A"

GRAND FUND

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1959

INCOME:		
Interest on Bonds—As per Exhibit "C"	$ 711.50	
Dividends—Other Securities Exhibit "C"	4,194.48	
Interest on Savings Bank Deposits Exhibit "C"	343.76	
Total Income for Year		$5,249.74
EXPENSE:		
Rental of Safe Deposit Box	$ 13.20	
Audit Fee	50.00	
Finance Committee Dinner	23.47	
Total Expense for Year		86.67
Net Income for Year		$5,163.07

EXHIBIT "B"

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT AUGUST 31, 1959

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

ASSETS

Deposits in Mass. Savings Banks (Exhibit "C")	$12,090.18	
Bonds at Book Value (Exhibit "C")	20,100.00	
Bank and Other Securities (Exhibit "C")	67,003.51	
Total Assets		$99,193.69
September 1, 1958—Balance of Principal Account	$93,992.84	
Add—Grand Fund Net Income	5,163.07	
Cash on Stock Dividends	37.78	
August 31, 1959—Balance of Principal Account		$99,193.69

EXHIBIT "C"

GRAND FUND

SCHEDULE OF BONDS, STOCKS AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS
AS AT AUGUST 31, 1959

Par	*Bonds*	*Book Value*	*Income for Year*
$7,000	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Re Ry. 4/1/95	$ 7,000.00	$ 280.00
4,000	Boston & Main R.R. Income "A" 4½% 1970	4,000.00	180.00
1,600	Boston & Maine R.R. 1st Mtg. 4% 1960	1,600.00	64.00
7,500	U.S. Sav. Bonds, Ser. "G" 2½% Aug. 1960	7,500.00	187.50
		$20,100.00	$ 711.50

Shares	*Stocks*		
108	First National Bank of Boston	$ 3,878.94	$ 356.40
50	United Fruit Company	2,875.09	112.50
121	Chemical Corn Exchange Bank	3,500.00	290.40
35	American Tobacco Company	2,144.59	175.00
100	Pacific Lighting Corp.	3,370.01	222.00
25	F. W. Woolworth Corp.	1,084.86	62.52
64	Union Oil Co. of California	1,870.43	62.50
102	Peoples First National Bank & Trust of Pittsburgh	4,550.00	290.70
122	First Pennsylvania Bank & Trust Co.	5,168.36	268.40
159	General Motors Corp.	4,847.19	318.00
100	Standard Oil Co. of N. J.	3,891.48	213.50
120	Household Finance Company	3,125.23	142.50
136	Chase Manhattan National Bank	4,017.77	326.40
267	American Tel & Tel. Co.	14,805.83	821.03
100	Sterling Drug Co.	2,005.73	150.00
965	Mass. Investors Trust	5,868.00	382.63
		$67,003.51	$4,194.48

Savings Banks		
Salem Savings Bank No. 62890	$ 1,000.00	$ 33.75
Home Savings Bank No. G405308	1,045.98	35.27
Wildey Savings Bank No. 196439	....	40.35
Wildey Savings Bank No. 190689	8,652.67	142.86
Weymouth Savings Bank No. 44989	1,391.53	91.53
	$12,090.18	$ 343.76

September 15, 1959

GRAND FUND

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND CERTIFICATE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1959

I have examined the books and records of the Grand Fund of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., for the fsical year ended August 31, 1959. This data is summarized in the following exhibits.

Exhibit "A"—Income and Expense Statement for the Year ended August 31, 1959
Exhibit "B"—Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1959
Exhibit "C"—Schedule of Bonds, Stocks and Savings Bank Deposits as at August 31, 1959

The various securities and savings bank books were seen and examined at the safe deposit vault of the National Shawmut Bank in the presence of Archibald T. Meikle, Trustee, and A. Kenneth Martin, Grand Treasurer, and were found to be in accordance with the schedule shown in Exhibit "C." Confirmations from the various depositaries have been received.

The Principal account has been adjusted to reflect the addition of the net income from the Grand Fund for the year. Detailed items of income are shown in Exhibit "C."

I certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the transactions of the Trustees during the year ended August 31, 1959, and the state of the Fund as of that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER
Certified Public Accountant

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the reports of the Trustees, Grand Treasurer and Auditor be accepted and the recommendation be adopted.

June 5, 1959

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Deputy Grand Commander and Members of the Finance Committee of This Grand Commandery K. T. of of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Complying with Article VIII, Section 5, of the Constitution of this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and

Rhode Island as adopted October 15, 1947, your Grand Commander presents the following request to the Deputy Grand Commander and Members of the Finance Committee:

Whereas on October 11, 1958, the Finance Committee submitted in the Budget for the year ending August 31, 1959, an item of $1200.00 for the printing of the Proceedings of this Grand Commandery, but due to printing of additional pages, it has become necessary to request a supplementary appropriation of $385.30 to cover the additional cost:

18 additional pages of new material at $13.00 per page	$ 234.00
Author's corrections and re-paging	116.75
Postage and cuts	34.55
Price quoted	1,200.00
Total cost	$1,585.30
Budget figure	1,200.00
Balance due on Proceedings	$ 385.30

Under Grand Commandery Regulations, "that in cases of emergencies or necessity, warrants approved in writing by the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, and a majority of the Finance Committee may issue on the General Fund to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate in any one year, ten percentum (10%) of the total of that Fiscal Year's Budget."

As this year's Budget is $18,961.00, I respectfully request a supplementary appropriation of $385.30 to cover the additional cost of printing the 1958 Proceedings of this Grand Commandery.

Courteously yours,

ALFRED C. BLAKE, *Grand Commander*
ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY, *Dep. Gr. Commander*
LEON L. ALLEN, *Chairman*
HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
HAROLD A. BUDREAU

June 9, 1959

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, and Members of the Finance Committee of Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

I submit the following appropriation for your approval:

Under Grand Commandery Regulations: "that in cases of emergencies or necessity, warrants approved in writing by the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and a majority of the Finance Committee may be issued on the General Fund to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate in any one year, ten percentum (10%) of the total of that Fiscal Year's Budget."

When the Grand Lodge requested that Grand Commandery vacate their office on the second floor and move to the fourth floor of the Masonic Temple, the question of installing air-conditioning or a window unit was discussed. The Grand Master has now given his approval for Grand Commandery to install a window unit, which cost, is to be borne by Grand Commandery.

We have received a quotation of $282.00 for said unit, which figure, is for complete installation of the unit.

As this expense is not a Budget Item but is a capital expenditure, I respectfully request your approval of this expense item.

Courteously yours,

A. KENNETH MARTIN, *Grand Treasurer*
ALFRED C. BLAKE, *Grand Commander*
ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY, *Dep. Gr. Commander*
LEON L. ALLEN, *Chairman*
HAROLD W. SPRAGUE

Boston, Mass., October 10, 1959

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1959-1960

To the Officers and Members of This Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

We submit the following Budget for this Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for 1959-1960:

Grand Encampment Dues	$ 2,331.00
Conclaves 1960	2,500.00
Proceedings 1959	1,250.00
Public Relations	350.00
Printing and Postage	1,500.00
Exemplifications Y. R. N.	300.00
Rent	2,125.00
Inspections	750.00
Group Meetings	300.00
Bond and Insurance	300.00
Salary—Grand Recorder	2,262.00
Salary—Grand Treasurer	500.00
Salary—Clerk	2,028.00
Grand Commander's Jewel	65.00

Grand Commander's Fund	500.00
Triennial Fund	250.00
Auditor	200.00
Office Supplies	270.00
Telephone	290.00
Miscellaneous and Contingent	500.00
S.S. and Unemployment Tax	200.00
Promotional Activities	200.00
Total	$18,971.00

Anticipated Income from 15,039 Members at $1.00 Per Capita	$15,039.00	
Candidate Fees 750 at $5.00	3,750.00	
Other Income	500.00	
	$19,289.00	
Anticipated Income from 15,039 Members at $1.00 G. E. Eye Foundation		$15,039.00

Courteously submitted,

HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
HAROLD A. BUDREAU

Boston, Mass., October 10, 1959

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

We submit the following Budget for the Educational Foundation for 1960:

Postage	$ 50.00
Salary—Secretary	2,002.00
Salary—Clerk	2,184.00
Salary—Treasurer	300.00
Rent	700.00
Telephone	150.00
Audit	300.00
Trustees' Expenses	65.00
Miscellaneous and Contingent	100.00
Bond and Insurance	200.00
Office Supplies	75.00
Retail Credit	175.00
Social Security	80.00
Total	$6,381.00

Courteously submitted,

HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
HAROLD A. BUDREAU
ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY

NOTE: The above Budget is subject to the approval of the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation Committee.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

September 28, 1959

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
205 Masonic Temple
51 Boylston Street
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Eminent and Dear Sir:

The following amendments to By-Laws of Constituent Commanderies have been approved by the Grand Commandery during its recess and are now subject to review by the Grand Commandery:

1. Proposed amendments in By-Laws of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20, K. T., Melrose, Article XIII, Sections 2 and 3, copy of which is hereto annexed.
2. Proposed amendments to By-Laws of Reading Commandery No. 20, K. T., Article VIII, Article XI, Sec. 1, copy of which is hereto annexed.
3. In response to your request of August 12, 1959, for an opinion relative to Veteran's Medals, an opinion dated, August 26, 1959, was given the Grand Recorder.
4. Proposed amendments to By-laws of Boston Commandery No. 2, K. T., Article II, Section 2, copy of which is hereto annexed.

Courteously yours,

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman*
Jurisprudence Committee

HUGH DE PAYNES COMMANDERY NO. 20, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS

June 4, 1959

R. E. Sir George A. Weeks
Grand Recorder
51 Boylston Street
Boston 16, Mass.

Dear Sir Knight:

At the Stated Conclave of Hugh de Payens Commandery held May 13, 1959, it was voted to amend the By-Laws so that they would read as follows:

"ARTICLE XIII—Permanent Fund

"Trustees of the Permanent Fund

"Section 2.—The Permanent Fund shall be under the direction and control of a Board of Trustees, consisting of three members of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20, elected at the June Conclave, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year, and annually thereafter one for three years, to serve until their successors are chosen. The term of office of the Trustees shall coincide with the term of office of the other Officers. The Trustees shall elect a Treasurer and they shall give bond to the Commandery in such sum and with such surety as the Standing Committee may direct, the expense of such bond to be borne by the Commandery. They shall invest all moneys belonging to the fund in the name of 'Permanent Fund of Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 20, K. T.' in Savings Banks or well established securities. All securities shall be kept in a box in a safe depository and the box shall be opened only in the presence of two Trustees. The Trustees shall make a full report at the annual Conclave.

"ARTICLE XIV—Charity Fund

"Trustees of the Charity Fund

"Section 3.—The Charity Fund shall be under the direction and control of a Board of Trustees consisting of three members of Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 20, elected at the June Conclave; one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year, and annually thereafter one for three years.

"The Trustees shall elect a Treasurer and they shall give bond to the Commandery in such sum and with such surety as the Standing Committee may direct, the expense of such bond to be borne by the Commandery.

"They shall invest all moneys belonging to the fund in the name of 'Charity Fund of Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 20, K. T.,' in Savings Banks or well established securities. All securities shall be kept in a box in a safe depository and the box shall be opened only in the presence of two Trustees. The Trustees shall make a full report at the annual Conclave."

We respectfully request Grand Commandery approval of these changes in our By-Laws.

Courteously yours,

DONALD H. HATHEWAY
Recorder

READING COMMANDERY NO. 50, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

READING, MASSACHUSETTS

Amendments to the By-Laws of Reading Commandery No. 50 K. T. Adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commandery at a Stated Conclave held on June 9, 1958.

ARTICLE VIII—Life Membership:

Change total sum from "fifteen times the annual dues" to "twenty times the annual dues."

First sentence then reads: "Any member of this Commandery whose dues are paid in full may, upon payment at one time of a sum equal to twenty times the annual dues, be enrolled as a life member and shall thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues."

ARTICLE XI—Dues and Assessments:

Section 1. Annual Dues.

Change "the sum of $9.00" to "the sum of $10.00."

First sentence then reads: "Every member except honorary and life members shall pay annually in advance to the Recorder for the purpose of the Commandery the sum of $10.00, which annual dues shall be due and payable at the annual conclave in September in each year."

FRANCIS C. W. LANZENBY
Recorder

BOSTON COMMANDERY NO. 2, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

September 23, 1959

Rt. Eminent Sir George A. Weeks
Grand Recorder
51 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear George:

The following amendment to the By Laws of Boston Commandery was unanimously passed at the Stated Conclave held on September 16, 1959, same having been presented in writing at Stated Conclave on June 17, 1959, and printed in notice of the September 16, 1959, conclave:

Amend ARTICLE II, Section 2, to read:

"The Annual Conclave shall be held at the Stated Conclave in September, except that the election of officers shall

be held at the Stated Conclave in June and they shall be installed at the Annual Meeting in September."

Sincerely,

ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
Recorder

August 26, 1959

Mr. George A. Weeks
405 Masonic Temple
51 Boylston Street
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Dear George:

I have been trying since June 29th, the date of your letter, relative to the Thomas Smith Webb controversy in Bay State Commandery to get an opinion from the members of the Committee on Jurisprudence. I received the last letter today from Judge Wilson.

The '34 Proceedings, Page 65, flatly and unequivocally state "this medal is given by the Commanderies in our jurisdiction to those Sir Knights who have for 40 years or more been members in good standing." It would seem that the Commanderies are bound by that wording whatever the founders may have "intended" to state. If a Sir Knight's record shows a total of 40 years in good standing he is eligible for the medal and the word "consecutive" has no proper place in the picture.

From the listed dates we understand the record of this Sir Knight shows 11 years between '16 and '27, plus 29 years between '30 and '59—a total of 40 years in good standing. We do not consider the three years' period, '27 to '30, material even if the Sir Knight had not paid all arrears when reinstated December 15, 1930, on which date he is reported to have been "reinstated" and that means "in good standing." It would seem that on December 15, 1959, at the expiration of the 40 years he will be entitled to his 40 year medal if his dues are all paid to that date.

Our Committee recommends that the proceedings of the Grand Commandery be amended somewhat as follows:

"Any Constituent Commandery of this jurisdiction may confer the Thomas Smith Webb Medal upon any of its members who has been a Knight Templar in good standing continuously for 40 years, or who, 40 years after he has received the Orders of Knighthood, is considered by the Council of his Commandery to be worthy of such recognition even though he has not had 40 continuous years of good standing."

Accordingly we answer your question "must a membership be continuous" in the negative.

Courteously yours,

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman*
Jurisprudence Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above report and adopt their recommendations.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

To the Rt. Em. Grand Commander and Fraters of Grand Commandery K. T., Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Dear Fraters:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations reports that no business requiring its attention has been presented for consideration.

Courteously,

HAROLD S. CROCKER

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

Boston, Massachusetts, October 10, 1959

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of This Grand Commandery K. T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Printing made every effort to keep the cost of printing the 1958 Proceedings to a minimum for the quality of paper and workmanship involved.

We find that the cost of labor and materials, together with the increase in postage, is steadily increasing. The cost of printing 325 copies of our 1957 Proceedings exceeded the Budget figure by $131.00 which required a Supplementary Budget to cover same.

Your Committee decided to reduce the number of copies of the 1958 Proceedings to 250 but not withstanding this reduction in the number of copies, the cost of printing the

1958 Proceedings exceeded the Budget figure by $385.30 and again a Supplementary Budget was required according to our Constitution.

Your Committee, as in the previous years, requested quotations for the 1959 Proceedings, and received two quotations as follows:

The Catalog Printing Company (our printers for the past five years) 250 copies, 120 pages, price $1565.00—additional pages, $14.50 each page.

The Mitchell Printing Company, Inc., of Greenfield, Indiana (The Grand Encampment Printers), will duplicate our 1958 Proceedings—250 copies, 140 pages for $1,088.00. "If the Proceedings do not run 140 pages, we will deduct $20.00 for each four pages not required."

Your Committee recommends that unless, the Catalog Printing Company can submit a figure more in keeping with our Budget figure that we give the printing of the 1959 Proceedings to the Mitchell Printing Company, Inc.

Another item of great concern to your Committee is the printing of the Credential List which is printed every two years. The List of Council Officers is a duplicate of our Red Book, the list of all Past Commanders is on file in Grand Commandery Office and may be obtained if needed.

This year we had 150 copies printed at a cost of $253.40, approximately $1.70 each copy, and this did not include the cost of envelopes and postage. We recommend the discontinuance of this list.

We also recommend "that only the essence of long discussions or speeches be printed in the Proceedings as full transcripts are bound and on file in the Grand Commandery Office."

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED C. BLAKE, *Chairman*
ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY
GEORGE A. WEEKS

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above report and the recommendations be adopted.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will have the report of the Inspector Instructor.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

This past year 34 of our Commanderies were given the top mark of 10—, this is 11 more than last year. 2 Commanderies dropped to 9+ and 1 down to 9—. This means we now have 14 new Commanderies in the top bracket. This year our inspections were more on Ritual than Tactics which accounts for the increase in 10— marks. We had 8 Commanderies with 9+, 6 with a mark of 9, and 2 with 9—.

The three highest marks were awarded as follows: Haverhill had 996; Reading and Hugh de Payens tied with 995.

One Commander did his work this year without the loss of a point while 16 Commanders lost 1 to 5 points; 13 lost 6 to 10 points and the remaining 21 Commanders lost from 11 to 95 points.

This year 11 Commanderies lost 2 to 19 points on attendance. This loss for attendance is growing since we had 10 Commanderies lose points last year and 5 Commanderies in each of the preceding three years.

As I reported at the Semi Annual Conclave we held 4 Exemplifications during the year with 46 Commanderies attending.

Courteously yours,

THOMAS C. BROWN
Inspector Instructor

E. SIR THOMAS C. BROWN: I move the report be accepted and placed on file. (Motion seconded)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Motion made and seconded and if there is no objection it will be so ordered.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Ft. Em. Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

Your General Chairman of the Committee on *York Rite Promotion and Membership* has been most fortunate in having four outstanding leaders in membership activity: Em. Sir James C. Bayley as Director of New Members Potentials, Em. Sir Arnold C. White acting for Rhode Island, Em. Sir William F. Clarke, Director of Coordination with the Chapter, and Em. Sir Leroy Jones Director of Progress and Publicity.

Each year accentuates the need of closer relationship and cooperation among the York Rite bodies. Your Chairman continues to feel strongly that both Chapter and Council should be wise enough, and practical enough, to realize and to admit that many of their applications are actually the result of solicitation by active York Rite Masons at

present directly interested in Templary or the Shrine. There is nothing unethical about that. All applicants for degrees in the *Scottish* Rite are primarily interested not in the first *three* bodies, but in attaining their 32°—and in many instances Shrine membership.

With a fair recognition of facts as they exist, not only should there be no hostility created, but officers in Chapters and Councils should make every effort for reciprocation. If the York Rite is to grow and prosper it should be looked upon as a single Rite, and not a loosely connected succession of groupings. Lowell has made great strides in consolidating the efforts of York Rite brethren. This past year particularly, our great Order has indirectly benefitted by enviable activity on the part of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Massachusetts. In the long run the constituent bodies of the York Rite will stand or fall together.

Leadership continues to be, and always will be, the most important factor. An Eminent Commander who is a *leader*, and not just the temporary titular *head* of his Commandery, will always be the spearhead of membership drives. Second, *York Rite Nights* will always be the most effective approach with wavering or partly interested potential candidates for the Orders in Templary. Finally, too few Commanders fail to take advantage of the splendid *lists* prepared through the tireless efforts of Em. Sir Bayley—lists which give the names and addresses of brethren who have received Blue Lodge or Chapter degrees within the past few years, who may be calculated to retain the initial Masonic enthusiasm of any newly *made* Mason, and who in many cases still have the youth so necessary in our ranks.

One other factor, in the opinion of your Chairman, militates against the best possible progress and growth of Templary in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. We have too many Commanderies. The strength of the Scottish Rite is consolidated, as is the strength of the Shrine. In horse and buggy days it may well have been advisable to assure a Christian Templary organization is *many* easily accessible cities or towns. Those days are long since passed. To assure a complete roster of competent uniformed Commandery officers, and Commandery guards, as well as financial stability, today requires an adequate and growing membership. Unlike the Blue Lodge, but more comparable with Shrine Temples, a successful Commandery of Knights Templar requires facilities and membership strength to assure a fitting and impressive *presentation* of the Orders. Successive consolidation of Boston, William Parkman, and Winthrop Commanderies, for example, has assured continuation of strength, interest, and activity, for numerous Sir Knights whose divided interests might well have resulted in serious Templar losses down through the years.

Let each Commandery face facts and honestly take stock. Are active and interested and able *officers* readily available for each Templar year, or is the current line of officers, especially at inspections, a make-shift roster of Past Commanders or borrowed workers? During the past five or ten years has the Commandery shown net gains assuring continued growth, or net losses which promise eventual disaster? Is the Commandery protected by existing Permanent Funds, or does it merely stagger by each year on a hand to mouth existence? Unless such test inquiries can be answered in the affirmative the Sir Knights, and especially the officers of a Commandery, owe a duty to Templary to seriously consider not eventual dissolution, but such wise consolidation with another Commandery as will *guarantee* the continued inspiration of our Christian Order throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP PROGRESS AND PUBLICITY

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Our Grand Commandery had a net gain of 85 members in the year just ended. Although the gain is only .57%, it did enable us to end the year with slightly over 15,000 members. We had an increase of 29 admissions compared with last year, but our net gain was 21 less because of an increase in terminations.

Membership Change—Five-Year Period

	1959	*1958*	*1957*	*1956*	*1955*
Knighted	695	668	728	642	710
Affiliated	27	23	17	14	30
Reinstated	17	19	21	15	18
Errors					1
Gross Additions	739	710	766	671	759
Deaths	444	435	432	420	440
Demits	120	98	121	121	101

Suspensions	90	67	118	86	66
Errors		4	7	7	1
Gross Terminations	654	604	678	634	608
Net Gain	85	106	88	37	151
Percent Gain	.57%	.71%	.59%	.25%	1.04%

MEMBERSHIP GAIN

Sutton Commandery led in membership gain with an increase of 23, Haverhill and Berkshire Commanderies shared second place with a gain of 17 each, and Bethany was a close third with a gain of 16 members.

NET GAINS AND LOSSES

Twenty-seven Commanderies had a net gain in membership, 20 had net losses, and 3 had no change. With 40% of our Commanderies showing a net loss in membership, it is obvious that improvement should be made.

DEMITS AND SUSPENSIONS

An increase of 45 in demits and suspensions is the principal reason why our net gain in membership was less than last year. It is important that further effort be made to reduce losses from these causes.

AFFILIATIONS AND REINSTATEMENTS

Affiliations and reinstatements were slightly higher in the preceding year, but further gains can be realized from these sources.

PETITIONS

We obtained 768 petitions toward our Grand Commandery goal of 1,000. Seventeen commanderies, or 34%, equaled or exceeded their quotas.

Bethany Commandery, a newcomer in recent years, led the list with 311% of quota and Berkshire and Northampton Commanderies reached or exceeded the 200% mark. Cyprus Commandery now has six consecutive years of quota attainment and Thomas Smith Webb, Natick and St. Andrew Commanderies have four consecutive years each.

PUBLICITY

Through the cooperation of the Grand Recorder, use was made of *The Templar* to promote and record membership activity throughout the year.

Courteously submitted,

J. LEROY JONES, *Director*
Membership Progress and Publicity

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted, to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE K. T. EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Boston, Mass., Oct. 10, 1959

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery K.T.:

At the request of M.E.P.G.M. Walter A. DeLamater, Executive Director of the K. T. Eye Foundation, Inc., sponsored by the Grand Encampment K. T. of the U. S. A., your Grand Commander appointed the undersigned as the K. T. Eye Foundation Committee for this Grand Jurisdiction.

This Committee acts as a coordinating and supervising Committee. It has the responsibility of seeing that two Committees as hereinafter mentioned, are appointed in each Constituent Commandery, and that they function and carry out the duties and objectives defined for each of these two Committees.

These Committees are as follows:

(1) A Committee of three to be known as a "Committee on Applications and Publicity," and

(2) A Committee of three to be known as a "Committee on Wills and Bequests."

The "Committee on Applications and Publicity" receives from the Administrative Office all information, data, pamphlets, and briefing on all phases of the activities, objectives and accomplishments of the Eye Foundation. The main objective is to acquaint as many people as possible with the work Knights Templar are doing with the view of expanding our work, so that more persons needing eye surgery and unable to pay, may be helped by us.

This service for surgery and hospitalization is available to any one, regardless of race, creed, color, age, sex or national origin, if they cannot afford to pay.

The "Committee on Wills and Bequests" concentrates on contacting and advising those desiring to designate the K. T. Eye Foundation, Inc., as a beneficiary in their wills.

To date 25 Commanderies have appointed their Committees.

With a view of publicizing the work of the Eye Foundation in local newspapers, your Committee sent to each Commandery, copies of an article, with the request it be printed in at least two newspapers in their respective jurisdictions and that tear sheets of the reprint be sent in to the Grand Commandery Office.

To date we have received articles showing that publicity has appeared in 16 different newspapers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Also the May-June 1959 issue of "The Masonic Craftsman" contained a one-half page write-up on the subject.

Since the K. T. Eye Foundation, Inc., has been organized, they have distributed $450,000.00 to 19 different Medical Colleges for research into Ophthalmology. Of this amount $32,500.00 was awarded in our own jurisdiction to The Howe Laboratory of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School, and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

The K. T. Eye Foundation has processed 802 cases; of those 12 cases were from Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

A small pamphlet for distribution to all Sir Knights will soon be available. A larger pamphlet, entitled "A Humanitarian Project" is being distributed to all present here today at this Annual Conclave.

The Executive Directors are most anxious to explain the work of the K. T. Eye Foundation to as many people as possible, and to help as many people as we possibly can who are in need of eye surgery and are unable to pay.

HOWE LABORATORY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

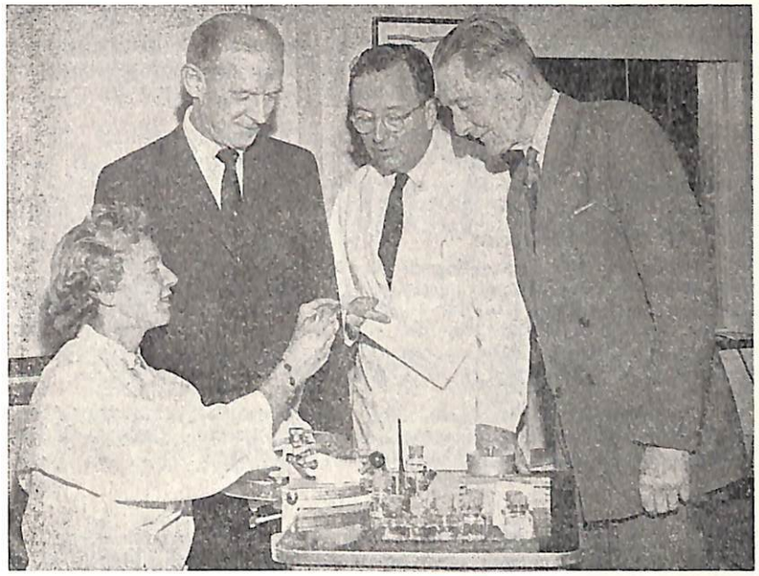
HARVARD UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL

MASSACHUSETTS EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY

243 CHARLES STREET, BOSTON 14, MASS.
DAVID G. COGAN, M. D.

Part of the money has been assigned to Dr. Grant who, as you know, is a pioneer in glaucoma research. He in turn has used the funds largely to support clinical researches which he is doing in conjunction with Dr. Lee. I do not need to reiterate the importance of these studies.

The second project which has been made possible by the grant is a study of enzyme systems in the retina. These investigations are now just getting off the ground but preliminary results indicate that they will be most productive of useful results. It will be a long-term study utilizing a novel approach developed in this laboratory by Dr. Kuwabara.



Eye Research Grant of $10,000 by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., goes to Howe Laboratory of Ophthalmology at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. On hand for presentation are, left to right: Marcia Conrad, lab technician; Alfred C. Blake, grand commander, Massachusetts KT, Dr. David G. Cogan, director of laboratory; George A. Weeks, grand recorder.

Making a total to date of $32,500 granted to Howe Laboratory for research into the little known causes of Glaucoma.
THE BOSTON HERALD, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1958

Courteously submitted,

FRANK H. WILSON, *Chairman*, Hugh de Payens No. 20
WILLIAM TURNER, St. Andrew No. 49
GEORGE H. MORSE, JR., Bethlehem No. 43
ALFRED E. GRANT, Thomas Smith Webb No. 51
GEORGE S. KENISON, Beauseant No. 41
K.T. Eye Foundation Committee for Mass. and R. I.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Now we come to action on Amendments to the Constitution.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: R. E. Sir Wilson, do you have a report?

Proposed Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Presented for Action at this Annual Conclave.

RESOLUTION

Whereas: It is our firm conviction that the York Rite of Freemasonry should be more closely united, and that Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies, should work together for their mutual benefit, and,

Whereas: The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, at their 47th Triennial Conclave held at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 16-22, 1958, adopted an amendment to their Constitution, which provided that any Grand Commandery may, by proper enactment, require the Cryptic Degrees as prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood in its Constituent Commanderies.

Therefore, Be it Resolved: That the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island be amended as follows:

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To amend Article XIX, Section 1—"Orders and Qualifications," of the Constitution, by adding after the words "Royal Arch Mason" in the fifth line, the following: "Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master"; and by adding after the words "Royal Arch Mason" in the seventh line, the following: "and Super Excellent Master"; so that Section 1 shall read:

"The Orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred upon anyone who has not received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, Royal Arch Mason, Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master; nor upon anyone who is not an affiliated Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason, and Super Excellent Master; nor upon anyone who has not resided at least six months" (continue to end of section without change).

To amend Article XIX, Section 6, of the Constitution by adding the following sentence: "However, for candidates who petition for the Orders on or before November 1, 1959, membership in good standing in Lodge and Chapter only is necessary to acquire or retain membership in a Commandery."

Proposed by R. E. SIR FRANK H. WILSON AND
R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.

These amendments shall be effective only when and so long as amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island, shall provide and specify that all applications for election to receive the degrees shall also require the applicant simultaneously to sign application for the Orders of Knighthood if his religious beliefs permit signing of a representation that he is a firm believer in the Christian religion.

The above amendments were submitted at the Annual Conclave in October for action at our Semi-Annual Conclave and was postponed to the Annual Conclave in October, 1959 and have been approved by the Juruisprudence Committee.

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR. Reported on the above RESOLUTION, and made the following comments. He had received reports from all the Grand Recorders of the Grand Jurisdictions in the United States and Canada, which reports, show the number of States that have adopted this RESOLUTION, and the number of States that are contemplating future legislation on this matter.

After receiving this information, he called a meeting of the COMMITTEE, which was appointed by the Grand Commander, to study the RESOLUTION, and it was the unanimous opinion of this Committee that the RESOLUTION be put over to the Annuaul Conclave to be held in 1960.

R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: R. E. Sir, I move the adoption of the Committee's Report on the RESOLUTION. (voted unanimously)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Now we have the other proposed Amendment with respect to the Semi-Annual Conclave. Perhaps there may be discussion on this matter. The hour is getting late. I think that we will take it up after lunch.

(The Grand Commandery recessed for lunch at 12:35 P. M. and reconvened at 2:35 P. M.)

RECESS

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I now declare Grand Commandery reconvened for business at 2:35 P. M.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, now when we recessed, it was prior to any action with respect to the Semi-Annual Conclave Amendment.

AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAND CONSTITUTION
SUBMITTED AT THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE, MAY 22, 1959

MOVED: That Section 1 of Article IV of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island be amended by striking out the words "and May" and the semi-colon in the second line of the first paragraph and by striking out the words "in October" in the fourth line of said paragraph, and by striking out the semi-colon in the fifth line thereof and by inserting in its place a period, and by striking out the words "and in May for the transaction of such business as may be preesnted," so that said Section 1 of said Article IV will read as follows:

"*Article IV.* Section 1. This Grand Commandery shall hold a stated conclave in October of each year at such time and place as the Grand Commander shall appoint for the election of officers and the transaction of the annual business.

Special conclaves may be called by the Grand Commander; and shall be called by him upon the written request of a majority of the Commanderies.

No business shall be transacted at a Special Conclave except that specified in the notice of summons."

R. E. SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN: R. E. Sir, I was the individual that submitted this Amendment, and I had it put in the Annual Conclave Notice. There is an omission of four words "within our Grand Jurisdiction" which is a legal technicality, realizing that we are now incorporated for tax purposes. With that legal technicality in that motion, I make the recommendation that it be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee of Grand Commandery for study, and brought back and returned to the Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery, which will be next fall, with a report. (Voted unanimously)

R. E. SIR GRAND COMMANDER: Will the Eminent Grand Warder present himself to the East.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Bud, time is fleeting. I have seconds left. I think it only fitting and proper that as one of my last duties it will be one of my most pleasant ones. I don't know what to say to you. You and I have been good friends for many years and I hope and think we always will be. There is no sense in my trying to thank you for all you have done and I know you have done plenty. I do want to present you, your Past Grand Warder's shoulder straps and your Past Grand Warder's Jewel.

E. SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU: This has been a very arduous and strenuous year for me, as you know, and I thank you very much.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I want to express our appreciation to the Em. Commander of Boston Commandery, Em. Sir George Locus, for having made available to us today the armory of Boston Commandery. We have one elevator and getting the whole crowd down to lunch is a deal so some of us had lunch upstairs. So, wherever you are George, thank you.

E. SIR GEORGE LOCUS: Boston Commandery is always glad to extend its hospitality to all Sir Knights.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Right Eminent Grand Commander, as a last duty before you relinquish your office, I would like to move, as is customary in all meetings of organizations, that all the acts of the Officers and Committees for the fiscal year 1958-1959 be ratified and approved, I so move. (voted unanimously)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We now have the meeting of Corporation.

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Sir Knights, this will not affect the Sir Knights on the sidelines. This is something we have just received from the Board of Corporations of Massachusetts and passed to me a couple of hours ago (Reading):

"At the Annual Conclave, six Directors are to be elected who are to be installed into the respective offices: Grand Commander and President, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder.

"In addition, a Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden are to be elected but they are not Directors. The election of the Directors automatically qualifies them for their other offices, except in the case of Grand Commander and President.

"If prepared ballots are used, they could read 'Director (to become Grand Commander and President)' 'Director (to become Deputy Grand Commander),' etc."

Then there will be the Board of Directors. In order to comply with this request I will turn over to the Grand Commander the ballots with the names. This is to comply with the State laws.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: For Grand Commander and President, Elliott N. Holley; for Deputy Grand Commander, Clarence E. Booth; for Grand Generalissimo. Raymond D. Douglass; for Grand Captain General, William F. West; for Grand Treasurer, A. Kenneth Martin; for Grand Recorder, George A. Weeks.

Now the Board of Directors: Harry G. Pollard, Harold W. Sprague, John E. Rines, Frank H. Wilson, Harold S. Crocker, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Frederic Kennedy, Harrie M. Taft, Kenneth H. Earle, Mortimer W. Schroeder, Thomas A. Booth, Dwight C. Page, Alfred C. Blake, Whitfield W. Johnson, George B. Rowell.

In addition Grand Senior Warden, Louis A. Beaudoin and Grand Junior Warden, Gilbert G. Machon, but they are not Directors.

The above Officers were duly elected and the meeting was adjourned.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. G. B. Rowell.

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

In view of the fact that the first Annual Conclave of the new corporation is to be held tomorrow, I think it well to set forth the procedure to be followed in a memorandum form, a copy of which you can leave with Mr. Weeks for future reference.

The principal change in procedure is due to the fact that the Grand Commander and President must be elected by the Board of Directors rather than by the members. Mr. Weeks raised a question of the necessary notice of meetings of the Board of Directors and I call attention to the By-laws, Article IX, Section 2, which provides that "A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in conjunction with each Annual Conclave and without further notice."

The notice of the Annual Conclave, which is required to be given 15 days before the meeting itself, is therefore sufficient notice of the meeting of the Board of Directors.

At the Annual Conclave, six *Directors* are to be elected who are to be installed into the respective offices:

Grand Commander and President
Deputy Grand Commander
Grand Generalissimo
Grand Captain General
Grand Treasurer
Grand Recorder

In addition, a Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden are to be elected but they are not Directors. The election of the Directors automatically qualifies them for their other offices, except in the case of Grand Commander and President.

If prepared ballots are used, they could read:

"Director (to become Grand Commander and President)."

"Director (to become Deputy Grand Commander)," etc.

It has been suggested that the Directors meet directly after the Annual Conclave but this seems to me to be illogical because in that case the Grand Commander and

President will already have been installed before he has been legally elected.

A simple procedure would be for the installing officer to declare a brief recess to collect jewels, etc., and at the same time request that the six newly elected Directors, together with the Grand Commander (who will shortly be the Junior Past President) and the Past Grand Commanders (these constitute the other members of the Board of Directors) should assemble for a moment at the desk of the Grand Recorder. The Grand Commander and President could then call the meeting to order and the persons assembled there would cast their ballots for the election of the new Grand Commander and President, and the meeting would adjourn. If the ballots are prepared in advance, the entire meeting should take not over two minutes, and then the installation can proceed in orderly form.

I note also that one Trustee is to be elected at the Annual Conclave in 1959 for a term of three years. This election would, of course, be by the members themselves.

It is desirable, wherever possible, to use the corporate name instead of the name of the old voluntary association. For ritualistic purposes, there seems no objection to using the old name but on letterheads, and on public notices hereafter given, the corporate name should appear. There must be no question as to the subordinate body which is "occupying" a Masonic Temple. In other words, it must not be a subordinate body of the old voluntary association (which could not qualify for the tax exemption) but must be a subordinate body of the corporation if the exemption is to be preserved. The Grand Chapter has already recognized the importance of this matter and all its letterheads refer to Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, Inc., and the Grand Council is following the Grand Chapter. It is important that the Grand Commandery do likewise.

C.F.A.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I find that it is time for the election of officers.

Nominations are now in order for the Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

R. E. Grand Commander.....SIR KT. ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.....SIR KT. CLARENCE E. BOOTH
E. Grand Generalissimo.....SIR KT. RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS
E. Grand Captain General.....SIR KT. WILLIAM F. WEST
E. Grand Senior Warden.....SIR KT. LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN
E. Grand Junior Warden.....SIR KT. GILBERT G. MACHON
R. E. Grand Treasurer.....SIR KT. A. KENNETH MARTIN
R. E. Grand Recorder.....SIR KT. GEORGE A. WEEKS

TRUSTEE

R. E. Sir John E. Rines.....*Three years*

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Grand Generalissimo, Raymond D. Douglass
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State Flag Bearer, E. Sir Philo C. Epps, De Molay

Candidate, E. Sir Burleigh W. Craig, Winslow Lewis

Social Activities

The Presiding Councils Club of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knights Templar Commanders.

Auditors for 1959-1960

E. Sir Hurlbut L. Plummer

The Officers elected and appointed were duly installed by Sir Knight A. Kenneth Martin, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander assisted by Sir Knight Thomas A. Booth, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, as Marshal.

Following the Official Proclamation, Em. Sir Herman C. McStay presented R. E. Sir Alfred C. Blake to the East.

R. E. Sir George A. Weeks: It is not a usual case in a Grand Commandery where two Past Potentates of the Shrine can work together but here we are working together in this case.

Al, this morning when you were reading those very flowery remarks about me I knew you did it without the hope of fee or reward. It is now my privilege to reward you for the services you have done this Grand Commandery for the past year and I know that it is not new to you because you have already okayed the bill and I think you may have seen it. But it is my pleasure to pin on your breast the jewel of a Past Commander which proves to the world that you have served this Grand Commandery for a number of years.

With that I present your Past Grand Commander's shoulder straps and a new medallion to wear on your chapeau.

R. E. Sir Alfred C. Blake: Thank you Sir Knights. I am sure you have heard me sound off as much as you want to and perhaps more so on some occasions. I have no intention of making a speech. I want to thank you very much. I know some of you better than others, I think, but I hope you are all friends of mine. I hope you always will be because I don't know a better group in the world. Thank you.

The Grand Commander: R. E. Sirs, E. Sirs, distinguished visitors. First of all I would like to thank very much and express my deep appreciation to R. E. Sir A. Kenneth Martin and R. E. Sir Thomas A. Booth for the job of installing the Officers of this Grand Commandery. Thank you very much, R. E. Sirs.

Also, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to the Past Commanders, including

the present Commander, of my own DeMolay Commandery for acting as Escort here today in this Grand Commandery. Sir Knights, I thank you very, very much. It really was a thrill to have you. I would like at this time to have you stand. Philo Epps; present Commander Malcolm Reed; Sumner Hammond, who came all the way down from New Hampshire to be here today; Karl Reece, who came all the way up from Whitman today. Thank you very much E. Sirs.

Sir Knights, I deeply appreciate the honor of having been elected Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery and I feel very humble in taking the job. As I have come up through the line I have started to appreciate the tremendous job I have taken over today but frankly I now realize that it is even a greater job than I thought. I assure you that I will do the very best I can for Templary in this Jurisdiction and with your help and that of Almighty God I pledge my best.

The Grand Commander outlined his Program for the year and concluded with the following comment:

Sir Knights, again thank you for the honor of having put me here and again I say to the very best of my ability I will do my very best to serve. Thank you very much.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Grand Recorder, any other business?

R. E. SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Nothing on my desk, R. E. Sir.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: E. Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that I am about to adjourn this Grand Commandery.

(The Grand Sentinel was informed.)

E. SIR JOHN J. MICK: R. E. Grand Commander, your order has been obeyed.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, attention! Uncover! R. E. Sir Phil Porter, will you lead our Devotions?

REV. AND R. E. SIR PHIL PORTER: Grant, O Lord, that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. May Thy Blessing follow this Grand Commandery through the year ahead. The Lord Bless you and keep you and make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the Light of His Countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, recover!

I now declare the One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery adjourned.

The Grand Commandery was adjourned at 3:40 P. M.

Courteously submitted,

George A. Weeks.

Grand Recorder

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Room 405 Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.

October 21, 1958

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Courteously yours,

ALFRED C. BLAKE
Grand Commander

Attest:
GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

"Glory to God in the highest; on earth peace, good will toward men."

Boston, November 1, 1958, A.O. 840

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 1
SERIES 1958-1959

To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction:

Greetings:

As the anniversary of the Birth of the Great Captain of our Salvation again approaches let us, as true Exemplars of the greatest Christian Order the world has ever known, appreciate that it now becomes our duty, as well as our privilege, to contribute to the relief of our distressed worthy brothers, and to others who may be deserving and in need.

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee." Deuteronomy 16:17.

The amounts which you contribute will be expended by your Commander solely for the relief of unfortunate and the distressed and for no other purpose. Frequently a considerable portion of the Christmas Fund is used to purchase clothing and toys for children who otherwise might not receive a single present on Christmas Day, and it would seem that there is no better way for this fund to be spent than to bring some measure of happiness to a small child.

Let us all remember that "he who would perpetuate his name to posterity must enoble it by acts of charity and deeds of pure beneficence."

This Official Order is to be read at the head of the Lines at the Conclave immediately following its receipt and the results reported to me on forms furnished by the Grand Commandery.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery on the 1st day of November, nineteen hundred fifty-eight, A. O. 840.

Courteously yours,

ALFRED COLCORD BLAKE
Grand Commander

Attest:
GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

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GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

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MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

February 6, 1959

OFFICIAL BULLETIN No. 1
SERIES 1958-1959

Re: Easter Sunrise Service

Greetings:

Enclosed find a reproduced letter sent by the Committee on Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

I have been directed by our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Alfred C. Blake, to advise you that it is his desire that you carry on your Conclave notices the following:

"The Twenty-ninth Annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held in the Amphitheatre of Arlington National Cemetery on Easter Sunday morning, March 29, 1959—at 7:00 A.M. Tickets may be procured from Raymond N. Babcock, P. G. C., Masonic Temple, 801 Thirteenth Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C."

"Annual Templar Nite at the Pops—June 2, 1959—full details later."

Division Commanders will give the above dates all possible publictiy in their Divisions.

Courteously yours,

GEORGE A. WEEKS
Grand Recorder

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE COMMITTEE ON ARLINGTON EASTER SUNRISE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Raymond N. Babcock, P. G. C. (D. C.), Chairman
Masonic Temple, 801 Thirteenth St., N.W., Washington 5, D. C.
Lloyd O. Miller, G. C. (D. C.), Vice-Chairman

January 26, 1959

To Grand Encampment Officers and Committeemen, Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders and Grand Recorders:

Arrangements are being made for the twenty-ninth Annual Arlington Easter Sunrise Memorial Service to be held under the auspices of the Grand Encampment. The Service will begin promptly at 7:30 a.m., in the Amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery on Easter Sunday morning, March 29, 1959. The assembly in fuull Templar uniform will begin at 7:00 o'clock sharp at the West Gate of the Cemetery (near Fort Myer). The lines will move promptly at 7:10 a.m. for the march to the Amphitheater.

The ceremony of laying the traditional Cross of Lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will conclude the Service. Music will be furnished by the U. S. Marine Band and arrangements are being made to have the Service broadcast or televised on a nation-wide network. The address on this occasion will be delivered by Rev. Phil Porter, D.D., Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment and an excellent speaker.

A very cordial invitation is extended to you to participate, *and the Committee especially requests that you give this invitation all possible publicity in your jurisdiction.* More and more Knights in uniform from the various Grand Commanderies are making the pilgrimage to Washington, D. C., to attend this Service at Easter time. Reserved seats will be provided for those accompanying you not in uniform upon request.

The Committee will be happy to make any hotel reservations for Sir Knights in uniform and their party at the Washington and Willard Hotels, but I must urge that you advise us as early as possible as hotel accommodations are at a premium during this season.

After the Service the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will sponsor a breakfast (about 9:00 a.m.) for the Sir Knights and their ladies. Due to renovation work in progress in the Washington Hotel, the breakfast will be held this year in the Willard Hotel, next door to the Washington. Tickets are $2.50 each, and we shall be glad to send you tickets if you will forward to the Committee your check for the required amount made payable to Rodger R. Kauffman, Grand Recorder.

Looking forward to greeting you and as many of your Sir Knights as can possibly be present, I am,

Courteously yours,

RAYMOND N. BABCOCK
Chairman

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 1
SERIES 1958-1959

To All Division Commanders, Eminent Commanders and Recorders:

Sir Knights:

It is my desire that all possible publicity be given to the following:

The Exemplifications this year will be held in four (4) districts. Commanderies composing those districts, dates exemplifications will be held, host Commandery and Grand Commandery Officer to act as Inspecting Officer are as follows:

No. 1. NOVEMBER 1, 1958—SATURDAY
Host—St. Andrew Commandery No. 49—Sir Knight Karl W. Benway, Em. Commander.
Inspecting Officer in charge—Sir Knight Louis A. Beaudoin, Em. Grand Standard Bearer.
Participating Commanderies: Worcester County No. 5, Springfield No. 6, Jerusalem No. 19, Berkshire No. 22, Conn. Valley No. 23, Northampton No. 30, Athol No. 37, St. Paul No. 40, Orange No. 45, Ivanhoe No. 46, St. Andrew No. 49.

No. 2. DECEMBER 6, 1958—SATURDAY
Host—Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8—Sir Knight Searles T. Bray, Em. Commander.
Inspecting Officer in charge—Sir Knight G. Burton Long, Em. Commander of 6th Division.
Participating Commanderies: St. John's No. 1, Washington No. 4, Milford No. 11, Calvary No. 13, Sutton No. 16, Woonsocket No. 24, Godfrey de Bouillon No. 25, Narragansett No. 27, Bristol No. 29, Bay State No. 38, Thos. Smith Webb No. 51, Holy Sepulchre No. 8.

No. 3. JANUARY 3, 1959—SATURDAY
Host—Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20—Sir Knight Fred P. Preston, Em. Commander.
Inspecting Officer in charge—Sir Knight George C. Patton, Jr., Em. Commander of 7th Division.
Participating Commanderies: Newburyport No. 3, Pilgrim No. 9, Palestine No. 10, Haverhill No. 14, Bethany No. 17, Winslow Lewis No. 18, Hugh de Payens No. 20, St. Omer No. 21, Coeur de Lion No. 34, Olivet No. 36, Beauseant No. 41, Cambridge No. 42, Bethlehem No. 43, Reading No. 50.

No. 4. JANUARY 31, 1959—SATURDAY
Host—Sir Galahad Commandery No. 52—Sir Knight Francis W. Trussell, Em. Commander.
Inspecting Officer in charge—Sir Knight Russell R. Long, Em. Grand Captain of the Guard.
Participating Commanderies: Boston No. 2, DeMolay No. 7, St. Bernard No. 12, Old Colony No. 15, Joseph Warren No. 26, South Shore No. 31, Trinity No. 32, Natick No. 33, Gethsemane No. 35, Cyprus No. 39, Quincy No. 47, Temple No. 48, Sir Galahad No. 52.

Registration will be at 1:30 P.M. Exemplification begins at 2:00 P.M. Work to be completed by 5:30 P.M. There will be NO dinners this year.

Work will be under the direction of the Inspector Instructor, with a selected Team exemplifying: The Order of the Temple and Inspection and Review. There will be time set aside for corrections as well as questions and answers.

Line Officers of participating Commanderies are expected to attend with the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior and Junior Wardens in Full Dress Uniform with side arms.

Officers and members of other Commanderies are welcome.

EXEMPLIFICATION TEAM

Comm.—William F. Raymond, Holy Sepulchre
Gen.—Thorston B. Lind, Ivanhoe
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Color Bearer—John W. Mackey, Jerusalem
Color G.D.—Norman R. Lowe, Jerusalem
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E. Sir Harold L. Burr, 176 Marked Tree Road, Needham. Tel. HIllcrest 4-0867.
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E. Sir Norman L. Staveley, 37 Glen Ave., Chelmsford. Tel. GLenview 3-1294.

E. Sir Burleigh W. Craig, 63 Newbury St., Peabody. Tel. JEfferson 1-4282.
Newburyport No. 3, Pilgrim No. 9, Haverhill No. 14, Bethany No. 17, Winslow Lewis No. 18, Bethlehem No. 43.

E. Sir Edward F. Norton, 27 Hughes Ave., Pawtucket. Tel. PA 2-7426.
Washington No. 4, Holy Sepulchre No. 8, Milford No. 11, Calvary No. 13, Narragansett No. 27, Bristol No. 29.

E. Sir John Erickson, Cheshire Rd., Pittsfield.
Berkshire No. 22, St. Paul No. 40.

Courteously yours,

Alfred Colcord Blake
Grand Commander

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

November 1, 1958

To the Division Commanders and the Commanders and Recorders of the Commanderies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

SUSPENSIONS AND DEMITS

Dear and Eminent Sirs:

The large number of demits and suspensions granted each year by the commanderies of this jurisdiction has been a matter of serious concern for some time.

Various attempts have been made over the years to improve this condition but all have met with comparatively little success.

In the hope that this condition can be substantially improved the following suggestions are made:

Demits

There are, of course, some cases where a request for a demit must be granted and where nothing can be done to avoid it. For example, if a mmber of your commandery were to move to Chicago it is his prerogative to request a demit to enable him to join a commandery there. With such requests we are not concerned, but rather with those members who, for one reason or another, have apparently lost interest, and have therefore requested a demit. We feel that much can and should be done with these members, and a demit issued only when it has been conclusively established that there is no other alternative.

When a member of your commandery requests a demit he should be personally interviewed, and at once, by the Commander or the Recorder. In some cases it may be that some close personal friend may be better able to achieve some results, but generally speaking it should be the duty of the Commander to see him. In any event the reasons for the request should be explored. If the request is based on inability to pay dues the suggestion which is made subsequently under "Suspensions" may be adopted.

If, however, it develops that the reason is "lack of interest" perhaps it may be either that the meetings of your commandery may have been uninteresting, or that he may not have attended any meeting for a long time, or both. It is entirely possible in many cases for you to revive his interest sufficiently to persuade him to attend one more meeting. If he does attend be sure to welcome him and see that as many others do so as possible. Quite possibly you can thereafter give him something to do. If you can "put him to work," either as a guard or otherwise, you can undoubtedly retain him as a member. Incidentally, you should always try to give a new member something to do too. If you do so the chances are excellent that he will be an active member for many years to come.

Suspensions

Altogether too many suspensions are granted with little or no investigation being made to find out why a man has become several years in arrears. It is most regrettable, but it is nonetheless a fact, that in a great many cases elderly or impoverished members have been suspended who were simply financially unable to pay their dues. And to many, some of whom had been faithful members for a great many years, their suspension came as a crushing blow.

Before you suspend *any member* you should find out just why he is in arrears. While he may be reluctant to admit that illness or adversity is the reason he will probably be willing to admit it to his Commander. Furthermore, if you call at his home you can probably form your own conclusions as to his ability to pay.

Now if you find that he is obviously financially unable to pay dues your commandery can vote to remit them and to take his dues out of its charity fund. Some commanderies have done this for years and *all should do so.*

It is my feeling that commanderies generally use their charity funds very little, if at all, but leave them inactive and dormant. This does not seem to me to be right, nor the purpose for which the fund was established. While it is commendable for a commandery to raise a large charity fund, and to increase it from year to year, it seems to me that it is much more important for the fund to be *actually used,* with discretion, of course, for charitable purposes. And I know of no better use which can be made of charity funds than to pay the dues of the elderly, infirm, and impecunious members of the commandery.

It is hoped that you will adopt these suggestions.

If I can personally be of any assistance to you at any time, or if you should have any questions or suggestions I shall be very glad to hear from you.

Courteously and Cordially yours,

Alfred C. Blake
Grand Commander

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

To all Division Commanders and the Commanders and Recorders of the Constituent Commanderies:

Dear and Eminent Sirs:

It is not too late for you to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to bring your candidates to Haverhill Commandery on Saturday, January 31st, to witness impressive and beautiful renditions of the Orders of Red Cross and Malta in Full and Dramatic Form by DeMolay and Hugh de Payens Commanderies.

Registration will be at 4:00 P.M. The Order of the Red Cross will start at 4:30. A special, and a very good dinner will be served by the Eastern Star, and the Order of Malta will be put on at 7:30. So the work will conclude at an early hour and you should be able to be on your way home at 9:00 P.M. if you wish.

The only cost is for the dinner. Tickets are $2.25 and firm reservations, accompanied with a check, must be made in advance with E. Sir Raymond S. Seaver, 226 Whittier Road, Haverhill, Mass., as Haverhill Commandery cannot undertake to guarantee dinners for any who have not made definite reservations therefor.

This meeting will enable you to work the Order of the Temple on your candidates in February, but more important, you will be giving your candidates their moneys worth, and I sincerely hope you will all take advantage of this opportunity.

Cordially and Courteously yours,

ALFRED C. BLAKE
Grand Commander

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

JOINT CONCLAVE
THE ORDERS OF THE RED CROSS AND MALTA IN FULL FORM

at

ST. ANDREW COMMANDERY, HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS

on

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1959 AT 4:30 P. M.

under the auspices of

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

We are very much pleased to announce that another Joint Conclave will be held in St. Andrew Commandery at Holyoke, Mass., on Saturday, April 25, 1959, at 4:30 P.M.

The Order of the Red Cross will be put on in full form by Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8 with a large cast, a choir, an Oriental Band and including the Feast of Belshazzar.

At the conclusion of this Order dinner will be served by the Eastern Star, following which the Order of Malta will be put on in full form by Worcester County Commandery No. 5. The work will be concluded no later than 9:00 P. M.

Both Holy Sepulchre and Worcester County Commanderies are justifiably proud of the beautiful work put on by their Red Cross and Malta teams respectively, and this Conclave provides a wonderful opportunity for all Commanderies, and particularly those in the western part of Massachusetts, to have their candidates witness beautiful and impressive renditions of these Orders. Holyoke is now so readily accessible that commanderies in the eastern part of the jurisdiction, as well as Rhode Island, can easily arrange to bring their candidates there for this Conclave.

Candidates should be present to register by 4:00 P.M. Dinner tickets will be $2.25, and reservations must be made, and *paid for in advance*, with E. Sir Arvin C. M. French, 148 Pearl Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts. There will be no other charge whatever.

This is an event which can and should be used to "sell" prospective candidates. All Commanderies, and those which have thus far failed to make their quotas in particular, *are urged* to make a *special effort* to obtain as many petitions as possible, and to bring their candidates there, so that the success of this Joint Conclave may be assured.

Courteously yours,

ALFRED C. BLAKE
Grand Commander

ADDENDA

Precedence of Grand Commanderies Based Upon the Date of Their Respective Organizations

1. MASSACHUETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.....May 6, 1805
2. NEW YORK .....June 18, 1814
3. VIRGINIA .....Nov. 27, 1823
4. VERMONT .....June 27, 1824
5. NEW HAMPSHIRE .....June 13, 1826
6. CONNECTICUT .....Sept. 13, 1827
7. OHIO .....Oct. 24, 1843
8. KENTUCKY .....Oct. 15, 1847
9. MAINE .....May 5, 1852
10. PENNSYLVANIA .....April 12, 1854
11. INDIANA .....May 16, 1854
12. TEXAS .....Jan. 18, 1855
13. MISSISSIPPI .....Jan. 21, 1857
14. MICHIGAN .....April 7, 1857
15. ILLINOIS .....Oct. 27, 1857
16. CALIFORNIA .....Aug. 10, 1858
17. TENNESSEE .....Oct. 12, 1859
18. WISCONSIN .....Oct. 20, 1859
19. NEW JERSEY .....Feb. 14, 1860
20. GEORGIA .....April 25, 1860
21. MISSOURI .....May 22, 1860
22. ALABAMA .....Nov. 29, 1860
23. LOUISIANA .....Feb. 12, 1864
24. IOWA .....June 6, 1864
25. MINNESOTA .....Oct. 23, 1865
26. KANSAS .....Dec. 29, 1868
27. MARYLAND .....Jan. 23, 1871
28. NEBRASKA .....Dec. 27, 1871
29. ARKANSAS .....Mar. 23, 1872
30. WEST VIRGINIA .....Feb. 25, 1874
31. COLORADO .....Mar. 14, 1876
32. NORTH CAROLINA .....May 10, 1881
33. SOUTH DAKOTA .....May 14, 1884
34. OREGON .....April 13, 1887
35. WASHINGTON .....June 2, 1887
36. WYOMING .....Mar. 7, 1888
37. MONTANA .....May 14, 1888
38. NORTH DAKOTA .....June 16, 1890
39. ARIZONA .....Nov. 16, 1893
40. FLORIDA .....Aug. 15, 1895
41. *INDIAN TERRITORY .....Dec. 27, 1895
42. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA .....Jan. 14, 1896
43. *OKLAHOMA .....Feb. 10, 1896
44. NEW MEXICO .....Aug. 21, 1901
45. IDAHO .....Aug. 31, 1904
46. SOUTH CAROLINA .....Mar. 25, 1907
47. UTAH .....April 20, 1910
48. NEVADA .....April 15, 1918

(*Consolidated October 6, 1911, as the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.)

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1958-1961

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Grand Commandery	Grand Recorder	Address
Alabama	C. H. Stubinger	Masonic Temple, Montgomery
Arizona	Henry P. Johnson	2783 N. Park Ave., Tucson
Arkansas	Charles D. Hill	P. O. Box 2216, Little Rock
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Canada	Charles E. Wells	1044 Lakeshore Road, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Colorado	Harry W. Bundy	319 Masonic Temple, Denver
Connecticut	J. Zalmon S. Hunt	196 Church St., Willimantic
Dist. of Columbia	Rodger R. Kauffman	Masonic Temple, 101-13th N.W., Washington 5
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Idaho	Ralph W. Hopffgarten	P. O. Box 2367, Boise
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Indiana	Edwin M. Demlow	5526 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis
Iowa	Emil J. Biasi	489 Eighth Ave., Dubuque
Kansas	Charles S. McGinness	320 W. 8th St., Topeka
Kentucky	Carl P. King	533 Chinoe Rd., Lexington
Louisiana	Lionel L. Lemarie	1100 Masonic Temple, New Orleans 12
Maine	Earle D. Webster	Masonic Temple, Portland
Maryland	Charles H. Welden	Masonic Temple, Baltimore 1
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	George A. Weeks	51 Boylston St., Boston 16
Michigan	Charles D. Mahana	100 Portage, Three Rivers
Minnesota	William R. Van Housen	Masonic Temple, St. Paul 1
Mississippi	Sid F. Curtis	Masonic Temple, Meridian
Missouri	Ray V. Denslow	Trenton, P. O. Box 529
Montana	William A. Thaanum	218 S. Roberts St., Helena
Nebraska	Carl R. Greisen	401 Masonic Temple, Omaha
Nevada	Edward C. Peterson	Carson City
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New York	Walter A. DeLamater	30 E. Market St., Rhinebeck
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North Dakota	Albert G. Tverberg	Grafton
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Tennessee	Thomas Earl Doss	Box 216, Nashville 2
Texas	Harry B. Tuer	817 Praetorian Bldg., Dallas
Utah	Bert Atwater	Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Masonic Temple, Burlington
Virginia	Carl Frank Wood	P. O. Box 546, Petersburg
Washington	Clifford L. Evans	716 American Bldg., Seattle
West Virginia	Robert H. Bowlby	Box 637, Morgantown
Wisconsin	Earl B. Bauer	207 E. Michigan St., Milwaukee 2
Wyoming	Frederick Sims	Masonic Temple, Casper

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS

Name of Commandery	No.	Members Present	Visitors	Suite	Total	Annual Dues	Life Members	Date of Inspection	Mark	Inspecting Officer
St. John's	1	146	17	49	212		140.00	Feb. 2, 1959	10—	William F. West
Boston	2	310	8	45	363	10.00	150.00	Mar. 18, 1959	10—	William F. West
Newburyport	3	124	12	46	182	10.00	150.00	Jan. 15, 1959	10—	William F. West
Washington	4	36	0	16	52	5.00	90.00	Apr. 15, 1959	9+	William F. West
Worcester County	5	224	5	27	256	10.00	200.00	Apr. 6, 1959	10—	William F. West
Springfield	6	93	2	15	110	10.00	150.00	Apr. 27, 1959	9+	William F. West
De Molay	7	227	10	74	311	[illegible]	150.00	Nov. 26, 1958	10—	Raymond D. Douglass
Holy Sepulchre	8	111	10	33	154	10.00	200.00	Mar. 27, 1959	10—	Louis A. Beaudoin
Pilgrim	9	75	15	54	144	11.00	165.00	Jan. 29, 1959	10—	Louis A. Beaudoin
Palestine	10	41	11	25	77	10.00	150.00	Nov. 12, 1958	10—	William F. West
Milford	11	70	7	28	105	9.00	135.00	Apr. 29 1959	10—	Louis A. Beaudoin
St. Bernard	12	40	1	21	62	40.00	750.00	Feb. 11, 1959	10—	Louis A. Beaudoin
Calvary	13	132	8	39	179	6.00	90.00	Mar. 17 1959	10—	Louis A. Beaudoin
Haverhill	14	163	25	49	237	8.00	120.00	Apr. 14, 1959	10—	Louis A. Beaudoin
Old Colony	15	58	5	29	92	5.00	75.00	Nov. 24, 1958	10—	Louis A. Beaudoin
Sutton	16	159	10	37	206	7.00	105.00	Dec. 4, 1958	10—	Louis A. Beaudoin
Bethany	17	45	9	32	86	10.00	150.00	Mar. 30, 1959	10—	Gilbert C. Machon
Winslow Lewis	18	52	6	30	88	8.00	160.00	Feb. 19, 1959	9+	Gilbert C. Machon
Jerusalem	19	81	13	36	130	10.00	150.00	Apr. 16, 1959	10—	Gilbert C. Machon
Hugh De Payens	20	183	18	44	245	9.00	135.00	Apr. 8, 1959	10—	Gilbert C. Machon
St. Omer	21	105	11	42	158	8.00	120.00	Jan. 19, 1959	10—	Gilbert C. Machon
Berkshire	22	79	6	37	122	5.00	75.00	Apr. 13, 1959	9+	Russell R. Long
Connecticut Valley	23	51	5	31	87	7.50	105.00	Nov. 4, 1958	10—	Gilbert C. Machon
Woonsocket	24	48	2	20	70	9.00	75.00	Feb. 10, 1959	9+	Russell R. Long
Godfrey De Bouillon	25	37	5	18	60	7.00	150.00	Nov. 19, 1958	9++	Gilbert C. Machon
Joseph Warren	26	38	3	28	69	10.00	150.00	Mar. 2, 1959	9+	Russell R. Long
Narragansett	27	66	0	19	85	5.00	75.00	Mar. 4, 1959	10—	Russell R. Long
Bristol	29	95	15	47	157	6.00	90.00	Feb. 6, 1959	10—	Russell R. Long
Northampton	30	40	3	16	59	8.00	120.00	Dec. 17, 1958	9	C. Burton Long
South Shore	31	53	6	21	83	8.00	160.00	Mar. 26, 1959	10—	C. Burton Long
Trinity	32	50	3	12	65	6.00	150.00	Apr. 15, 1959	9	C. Burton Long
Natick	33	75	5	32	112	6.00	90.00	Mar. 9, 1959	9—	C. Burton Long
Coeur De Lion	34	115	20	36	171	7.00	105.00	Feb. 18, 1959	10—	C. Burton Long
Gethsemane	35	103	10	34	147	10.00	150.00	Feb. 24, 1959	9	C. Burton Long
Olivet	36	98	8	34	140	7.00	105.00	Nov. 13, 1958	9	Russell R. Long
Athol	37	60	10	29	99	6.00	90.00	Mar. 11, 1959	10—	Herman C. McStay
Bay State	38	116	6	44	166	7.00	175.00	Nov. 17, 1958	10—	C. Burton Long
Cyprus	39	42	7	23	72	7.00	105.00	Apr. 23, 1959	10—	Herman C. McStay
St. Paul	40	49	14	50	113	10.00	150.00	May 8, 1959	9	Herman C. McStay
Beauseant	41	65	4	14	83	8.00	128.00	Feb. 23, 1959	10—	Herman C. McStay
Cambridge	42	52	2	25	79	10.00	200.00	Mar. 24, 1959	9—	Herman C. McStay
Bethlehem	43	60	26	30	116	10.00	150.00	Apr. 20, 1959	9+	Herman C. McStay
Orange	45	46	14	33	93	6.00	60.00	Feb. 27, 1959	10—	Clarence E. Booth
Ivanhoe	46	90	16	56	162	7.00	105.00	Nov. 6, 1958	10—	George C. Patton, Jr.
Quincy	47	98	5	32	135	12.00	180.00	Mar. 23, 1959	10—	George C. Patton, Jr.
Temple	48	52	0	47	99	6.00	140.00	Dec. 11, 1958	10—	George C. Patton, Jr.
St. Andrew	49	56	2	15	73	7.00	105.00	Apr. 20, 1959	10—	George C. Patton, Jr.
Reading	50	128	52	77	257	10.00	200.00	Jan. 12, 1959	10—	George C. Patton, Jr.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	58	23	74	155	10.00	150.00	Nov. 21, 1958	10—	George C. Patton, Jr.
Sir Galahad	52	29	9	40	78	8.00	120.00	Feb. 16, 1959	9	George C. Patton, Jr.
Total	1959	4,424	484	1,748	6,656					
	1958	4,289	424	1,756	6,469					
Comparison with last year		+135	+60	—8	+187					

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Name of Commandery	No.	Location of Commandery	Date of Charter	Stated Conclave	Election of Officers	Annual Conclave	Installation
St. John's	1	Providence, R. I.	Oct. 7, 1805	1st Mon.	June	Oct.	Oct.
Boston	2	Boston, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1806	3rd Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Newburyport	3	Newburyport, Mass.	May 19, 1808	3rd Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Washington	4	Newport, R. I.	June 7, 1814	3rd Wed.	June	June	June
Worcester County	5	Worcester, Mass.	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thurs.	June	June	June
Springfield	6	Springfield, Mass.	June 19, 1826	1st Mon.	June	June	June
DeMolay	7	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Pawtucket, R. I.	Oct. 10, 1848	3rd Fri.	June	June	June
Pilgrim	9	Lowell, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1855	4th Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Palestine	10	Chelsea, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2nd Wed.	May	May	May
Milford	11	Milford, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Tues.	June	June	June
St. Bernard	12	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2nd Wed.	May	May	May
Calvary	13	Providence, R. I.	May 22, 1860	3rd Tues	June	Sept.	Sept.
Haverhill	14	Haverhill, Mass.	May 13, 1863	2nd Tues.	June	June	June
Old Colony	15	Abington, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1863	4th Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Sutton	16	New Bedford, Mass.	Mar. 4, 1864	1st Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Bethany	17	Lawrence, Mass.	June 1, 1864	Last Mon.	May	May	Sept.
Winslow Lewis	18	Salem, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1865	3rd Thurs.	June	Oct.	Oct.
Jerusalem	19	Fitchburg, Mass.	Mar. 8, 1865	3rd Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Hugh de Payens	20	Melrose, Mass.	Mar. 27, 1865	2nd Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. Omer	21	Dorchester, Mass.	Sept. 30, 1865	3rd Mon.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Berkshire	22	Pittsfield, Mass.	Dec. 22, 1865	2nd Mon.	June	June	June
Connecticut Valley	23	Greenfield, Mass.	May 22, 1866	1st Tues.	June	June	June
Woonsocket	24	Woonsocket, R. I.	Jan. 31, 1867	2nd Tues.	June	June	June
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass.	May 29, 1868	3rd Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Joseph Warren	26	Roxbury, Mass.	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Mon.	June	June	June
Narragansett	27	Westerly, R. I.	May 12, 1869	1st Wed.	June	June	Oct.
*William Parkman	28	East Boston, Mass.	May 12, 1870				
Bristol	29	Attleboro, Mass.	May 28, 1870	1st Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Northampton	30	Northampton, Mass.	June 2, 1870	2nd Mon.	June	June	June
South Shore	31	E. Weymouth, Mass.	June 9, 1870	4th Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Trinity	32	Hudson, Mass.	April 7, 1871	3rd Wed.	June	June	Sept.
Natick	33	Natick, Mass.	April 12, 1871	2nd Mon.	June	June	Oct.
Coeur de Lion	34	Medford, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1871	3rd Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Gethsemane	35	Newtonville, Mass.	May 20, 1872	4th Tues.	June	June	June
Olivet	36	Lynn, Mass.	Mar. 13, 1873	2nd Thurs.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
Athol	37	Athol, Mass.	June 7, 1873	2nd Wed.	June	June	June
Bay State	38	Brockton, Mass.	Sept. 13, 1873	3rd Mon.	June	June	
Cyprus	39	Hyde Park, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Thurs.	May	Sept.	Sept.
St. Paul	40	North Adams, Mass.	Jan. 19, 1882	2nd Fri.	June	June	June
Beauseant	41	Malden, Mass.	Oct. 20, 1886	4th Mon.	June	June	June
Cambridge	42	Cambridge, Mass.	May 28, 1890	4th Tues.	June	June	Sept.
Bethlehem	43	Gloucester, Mass.	Oct. 29, 1890	2nd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
†St. George	44	Beverly, Mass.	Oct. 23, 1892				
Orange	45	Orange, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1893	Last Fri.	June	June	June
Ivanhoe	46	Gardner, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1896	1st Thurs.	June	June	June
Quincy	47	Quincy, Mass.	Feb. 20, 1911	4th Mon.	June	June	June
Temple	48	Norwood, Mass.	Oct. 22, 1919	2nd Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. Andrew	49	Holyoke, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1920	3rd Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Reading	50	Reading, Mass.	Jan. 14, 1921	2nd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Cranston, R. I.	May 6, 1921	3rd Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Sir Galahad	52	Waltham, Mass.	May 31, 1922	3rd Mon.	June	June	Sept.
‡Winthrop	53	Winthrop, Mass.	June 21, 1924				

* Consolidated with Boston Commandery February 21, 1940.
† Charter arrested July 17, 1945.
‡ Consolidated with Boston Commandery February 20, 1952.

GRAND COMMANDERY MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Name of Commandery	Number	Membership Last Year	Membership This Year	Admitted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended	Errors	Died	Fees at $5.00	Per Capita at $1.00	G.E. Eye Assessment
St. John's	1	624	606	5	1	1	5	2	0	18	25.00	606.00	596.00
Boston	2	1,213	1,216	55	2	2	12	14	0	30	275.00	1,216.00	1,184.00
Newburyport	3	307	302	10	0	0	2	6	0	7	50.00	302.00	302.00
Washington	4	101	100	4	0	0	1	0	0	4	20.00	100.00	91.00
Worcester County	5	730	716	16	0	0	4	4	0	22	80.00	716.00	722.00
Springfield	6	527	514	13	0	2	8	4	0	22	65.00	514.00	507.00
De Molay	7	804	806	40	1	0	0	7	0	24	200.00	806.00	782.00
Holy Sepulchre	8	359	352	11	0	1	5	7	0	7	55.00	352.00	349.00
Pilgrim	9	296	286	7	1	1	2	1	0	16	35.00	286.00	284.00
Palestine	10	195	205	12	1	0	1	0	0	2	60.00	205.00	195.00
Milford	11	166	167	11	0	0	0	0	0	10	55.00	167.00	162.00
St. Bernard	12	93	95	5	1	0	1	0	0	3	25.00	95.00	93.00
Calvary	13	626	614	22	0	0	8	0	0	26	110.00	614.00	577.00
Haverhill	14	369	386	24	1	1	0	0	0	9	120.00	386.00	355.00
Old Colony	15	203	211	11	0	0	3	0	0	3	55.00	211.00	199.00
Sutton	16	530	553	45	0	1	1	2	0	18	225.00	553.00	530.00
Bethany	17	131	147	25	0	1	3	5	0	4	125.00	147.00	111.00
Winslow Lewis	18	210	204	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	20.00	204.00	202.00
Jerusalem	19	285	296	19	0	1	0	0	0	9	95.00	296.00	264.00
Hugh de Payens	20	597	589	20	5	1	15	4	0	15	100.00	589.00	579.00
St. Omer	21	306	304	8	0	1	2	0	0	9	40.00	304.00	292.00
Berkshire	22	218	265	30	1	1	4	1	0	10	150.00	265.00	216.00
Connecticut Valley	23	146	141	4	0	0	2	2	0	4	15.00	141.00	138.00
Woonsocket	24	174	171	10	1	0	4	1	0	3	20.00	171.00	174.00
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	116	122	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	50.00	122.00	115.00
Joseph Warren	26	160	160	7	1	0	1	2	0	5	15.00	160.00	155.00
Narragansett	27	188	187	7	0	0	0	2	0	6	35.00	187.00	186.00
Bristol	29	261	263	13	1	0	1	4	0	7	65.00	263.00	260.00
Northampton	30	103	114	14	0	0	0	0	0	3	70.00	114.00	99.00
South Shore	31	152	163	14	7	0	1	0	0	3	70.00	163.00	145.00
Trinity	32	182	186	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	35.00	186.00	181.00
Natick	33	248	263	19	1	0	3	0	0	3	95.00	263.00	234.00
Coeur de Lion	34	358	368	24	2	0	3	1	0	2	120.00	368.00	315.00
Gethsemane	35	481	487	18	3	0	6	2	0	12	90.00	487.00	468.00
Olivet	36	442	442	15	0	0	0	0	0	7	75.00	442.00	428.00
Athol	37	127	127	5	0	0	2	1	0	15	25.00	127.00	126.00
Bay State	38	380	372	15	0	0	2	0	0	3	75.00	372.00	367.00
Cyprus	39	157	159	5	0	1	2	1	0	22	25.00	159.00	146.00
St. Paul	40	114	110	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	25.00	110.00	110.00
Beauseant	41	323	326	17	0	0	4	2	0	7	85.00	326.00	311.00
Cambridge	42	150	142	5	0	0	0	6	0	8	25.00	142.00	142.00
Bethlehem	43	157	168	12	0	0	0	0	0	7	60.00	168.00	150.00
Orange	45	60	62	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	15.00	62.00	60.00
Ivanhoe	46	255	255	7	0	0	1	0	0	6	35.00	255.00	243.00
Quincy	47	292	300	19	0	0	2	3	0	8	95.00	300.00	292.00
Temple	48	192	191	9	1	1	1	1	0	3	45.00	191.00	190.00
St. Andrew	49	154	161	12	0	1	2	2	0	7	60.00	161.00	149.00
Reading	50	307	317	21	2	1	5	2	0	7	105.00	317.00	305.00
Thomas Smith Webb	51	178	189	14	0	1	1	1	0	2	70.00	189.00	173.00
Sir Galahad	52	173	159	0	0	0	0	2	0	12	—	159.00	167.00
Total		14,954	15,039	695	27	17	120	90	0	444	3,475.00	15,039.00	14,421.00

Massachusetts: Membership Last Year, 12,704; Membership This Year, 12,820; Massachusetts Gain, 116.
Rhode Island: Membership Last Year, 2,250; Membership This Year, 2,219; Rhode Island Loss, 41.

ADDRESSES OF RECORDERS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Commandery	No.	Recorder	Address
St. John's	1	Henry H. Wardle	80 Belvidere Blvd., No. Providence 11, R.I.
Boston	2	Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.	8 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.
Newburyport	3	William H. Carter	10 Columbus Ave., Newburyport, Mass.
Washington	4	Raymond E. Crowell	36 Norman St., Newport, R. I.
Worcester County	5	Walter B. Taylor	70 Moore Ave., Worcester, Mass.
Springfield	6	Harold Gaylord Ransom	111 Woodlawn Pl., Long Meadow, Mass.
DeMolay	7	Chester G. Parsons	P. O. Box 21, Wellesley, Mass.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Arthur L. Wilbur	28 Farnum St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Pilgrim	9	Arthur E. Dyar	269 Beacon St., Lowell, Mass.
Palestine	10	Frank E. Milley	165 Grove St., Chelsea, Mass.
Milford	11	Kelsie E. Townsend	Bates St., R.F.D., Mendon, Mass.
St. Bernard	12	Harry L. Wiggin	171 Perkins St., Melrose 76, Mass.
Calvary	13	Charles H. Leffingwell	131 Alexander St., Cranston, R. I.
Haverhill	14	Nerses Der Garabedian	122 South Elm St., Haverhill, Mass.
Old Colony	15	Kenneth E. Clifford	437 E. Water St., Rockland, Mass.
Sutton	16	Wendall M. Hardy	188 Court St., New Bedford, Mass.
Bethany	17	Fred M. Barr	1076 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass.
Winslow Lewis	18	Walter D. Cooke	25 Mill St., So. Hamilton, Mass.
Jerusalem	19	Harvey H. Goodwin	32 Washington St., Leominster, Mass.
Hugh de Payens	20	Donald H. Hatheway	90 Walton Park, Melrose, Mass.
St. Omer	21	George A. Weeks	40 Glen St., Melrose, Mass.
Berkshire	22	Karl Olavi Lepisto	79 Foole Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.
Connecticut Valley	23	Dana C. Salmon	R.F.D., Turners Fall, Mass.
Woonsocket	24	Floyd C. Arnold	172 (Rear) Great Road, Woonsocket, R. I.
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Charles Duncan	P. O. Box 215, Swansea, Mass.
Joseph Warren	26	Ernest J. Comi	1 Pagoda St., Milton 86, Mass.
Narragansett	27	Donald W. Kenneth	118 Beach St., Westerly, R. I.
Bristol	29	George W. Eberhardt	28 Raeburn Drive, Attleboro, Mass.
Northampton	30	Ledyard A. Southard	35 Stillson Ave., Florence, Mass.
South Shore	31	William J. Williams	16 Nickerson Rd., E. Braintree, Mass.
Trinity	32	William A. Manson	28 Lincoln St., Hudson, Mass.
Natick	33	John M. Tassey	No. 7, Dewey St., Natick, Mass.
Coeur de Lion	34	Carroll H. Tiffany	22 Bellevue St., Medford 55, Mass.
Gethsemane	35	Chester A. Cleveland	40 Chaske Ave., Auburndale 66, Mass.
Olivet	36	Frank A. McPhee	50 Clearview Ave., E. Lynn, Mass.
Athol	37	Leon E. Whitney	404 Unity Ave., Athol, Mass.
Bay State	38	Robert L. Coombs	297 Forest Ave., Brockton 16, Mass.
Cyprus	39	Chester Leo Crawford	9 Tremont St., Dedham, Mass.
St. Paul	40	Duncan McNaughton	131 Marion Ave., No. Adams, Mass.
Beauseant	41	Charles W. Gurdy	63 Winslow St., Everett 49, Mass.
Cambridge	42	Irving C. Langley	580 School St., Belmont 78, Mass.
Bethlehem	43	Earle T. Merchant	19 Bass Ave., Gloucester, Mass.
Orange	45	Joseph Prentiss	71 W. River St., Orange, Mass.
Ivanhoe	46	LeRoy M. Giddings	3 E. Broadway, Gardner, Mass.
Quincy	47	George Valentine Shirley	124 Billings Road, No. Quincy, Mass.
Temple	48	George M. Ellis	575 High St., Westwood, Mass.
St. Andrew	49	Arvin C. M. French	148 Pearl St., Holyoke, Mass.
Reading	50	Francis C. H. Lazenby	126 West St., Reading, Mass.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Alfred E. Grant	50 Chestnut Ave., Cranston, R. I.
Sir Galahad	52	Byrd Denver Goss	125 Arlington St., West Acton, Mass.

GRAND COMMANDERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.	Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.
1805—1818	*Thomas Smith Webb	St. John's	1	1907—1908	*Charles I. Litchfield	Boston	2
1818—1820	*William Wilkinson	St. John's	1	1908—1909	*John D. Munroe	Godfrey de Bouillon	25
1820—1826	*Henry Fowle	Boston	2	1909—1910	*Walter W. Burnham	St. John's	1
1826—1829	*John Carlile	St. John's	1	1910—1911	*J. Albert Blake	Winslow Lewis	18
1829—1832	*John J. Loring	Boston	2	1911—1912	*Lafayette G. Blair	Cambridge	42
1832—1833	*Robert Lash	Boston	2	1912—1913	*Frank L. Nagle	Gethsemane	35
1833—1835	*Edward A. Raymond	Boston	2	1913—1914	*William W. Johnson	Worcester County	5
1835—1837	*Araham A. Dame	Boston	2	1914—1915	*Walter F. Medding	Beauseant	41
1837—1839	*John Hews	Boston	2	1915—1916	*Frederick I. Dana	Calvary	13
1839—1842	*Charles W. Moore	Boston	2	1916—1917	*Samuel D. Sherwood	Springfield	6
1842—1845	*John Flint	Boston	2	1917—1918	*William H. Emerson	Bay State	38
1845—1847	*John B. Hammatt	Boston	2	1918—1919	*William J. Bolton	Athol	37
1847—1848	*Ruel Baker	Boston	2	1919—1920	*Everett C. Benton	St. Bernard	12
1848—1851	*John R. Bradford	Boston	2	1920—1921	Harry G. Pollard	Pilgrim	9
1851—1854	*James Hutchison	Holy Sepulchre	8	1921—1922	*Henry C. Dexter	Holy Sepulchre	8
1854—1856	*Simon W. Robinson	DeMolay	7	1922—1923	*James S. Blake	Boston	2
1856—1858	*Daniel Harwood	Boston	2	1923—1924	*Charles R. Hunt	Sutton	16
1858—1860	*Winslow Lewis	Boston	2	1924—1925	*Asa C. Jewett	Gethsemane	35
1860—1862	*William Field	St. John's	1	1925—1926	*Clarence M. Dunbar	Bristol	29
1862—1863	*William Ellison	Boston	2	1926—1927	James A. Gunn	Connecticut Valley	23
1863—1865	*William S. Gardner	Pilgrim	9	1927—1928	*Norris G. Abbott	St. John's	1
1865—1867	*Rev. Charles H. Titus	St. John's	1	1928—1929	*Clarence E. Burleigh	DeMolay	7
1867—1869	*William W. Baker	St. Bernard	12	1929—1930	*Charles F. White	Beauseant	41
1869—1871	*Benjamin Dean	St. Omer	21	1930—1931	*Frederick H. Briggs	Boston	2
1871—1873	*Nicholas Van Slyck	Calvary	13	1931—1932	*Benjamin F. Downing	Washington	4
1873—1875	*Charles A. Stott	Pilgrim	9	1932—1933	*George L. Dodd	Joseph Warren	26
1875—1877	*Rev. Henry W. Rugg	St. John's	1	1933—1934	William S. Hamilton	St. Paul	40
1877—1879	*John Dean	Worcester County	5	1934—1935	*Arthur S. Vaughn	St. John's	1
1879—1880	*Nelson W. Aldrich	Calvary	13	1935—1936	Harold W. Sprague	Bay State	38
1880—1882	*William H. Kent	Coeur de Lion	34	1936—1937	*Charles T. Converse	Springfield	6
1882—1884	*Caleb Saunders	Bethany	17	1937—1937	*George T. Everett	DeMolay	7
1884—1885	*Charles C. Hutchinson	Pilgrim	9	1937—1938	Adelbert E. Place	Calvary	13
1885—1886	*George H. Burnham	St. John's	1	1938—1939	*Harrison Hyslop	Gethsemane	35
1886—1887	*Edward P. Chapin	Springfield	6	1939—1940	*Arthur A. A. Stewart	Pilgrim	9
1887—1888	*George H. Allen	Olivet	36	1940—1941	John E. Rines	Haverhill	14
1888—1889	*Edward L. Freeman	Holy Sepulchre	8	1941—1942	*Arlan M. Syncer	Orange	45
1889—1890	*James Swords	Hugh de Payens	20	1942—1943	*William O. Tuckerman	Cyprus	39
1890—1891	*John P. Sanborn	Washington	4	1943—1944	George B. Sampson	St. Andrew	49
1891—1892	*Robert H. Chamberlain	Worcester County	5	1944—1945	*G. Lester Marston	Coeur de Lion	34
1892—1893	*William H. H. Soule	St. Omer	21	1945—1946	Frank H. Wilson	Hugh de Payens	20
1893—1894	*Charles C. Fry	Olivet	36	1946—1947	Harold S. Crocker	Bay State	38
1894—1895	*Samuel C. Lawrence	Boston	2	1947—1948	George A. Weeks	St. Omer	21
1895—1896	*Eugene H. Richards	Boston	2	1948—1949	A. Kenneth Martin	South Shore	31
1896—1897	*William R. Walker	Holy Sepulchre	8	1949—1950	Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.	Boston	2
1897—1898	*Walter Cutting	Berkshire	22	1950—1951	*J. Herbert Hinds	Quincy	47
1898—1899	*George L. Shepley	St. John's	1	1951—1952	Charles F. Fairbanks 2nd	Pilgrim	9
1899—1900	*Herbert F. Morse	Joseph Warren	26	1952—1953	Frederic Kennedy	Natick	33
1900—1901	*Winthrop Messenger	Hugh de Payens	20	1953—1954	Harrie M. Taft	Calvary	13
1901—1902	*George E. Hilton	Olivet	36	1954—1955	Kenneth H. Earle	St. John's	1
1902—1903	*George H. Kenyon	Calvary	13	1955—1956	Mortimer W. Schroeder	Beauseant	41
1903—1904	*Freeman C. Hersey	Winslow Lewis	18	1956—1957	Thomas A. Booth	Sutton	16
1904—1905	*Dana J. Flanders	Haverhill	14	1957—1958	Dwight C. Page	Worcester County	5
1905—1906	*Edwin A. Blodgett	Springfield	6	1958—1959	Alfred C. Blake	Boston	2
1906—1907	*E. Bentley Young	Joseph Warren	26				

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THE AMERICAN ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment

	Names	Years	Residence	Died
1	DeWitt Clinton	1816-1828	New York, N. Y.	Feb. 11, 1828
2	Jonathan Nye	1829-1834	Claremont, N. H.	April 1, 1843
3	James Madison Allen	1835-1844	Cayuga, N. Y.	
4	Archibald Bull	1844-1846	Troy, N. Y.	Dec. 22, 1865
5	William B. Hubbard	1847-1858	Columbus, Ohio	Jan. 5, 1866
6	Benjamin B. French	1859-1864	Washington, D. C.	Aug. 12, 1870
7	Henry L. Palmer	1865-1867	Milwaukee, Wis.	May 7, 1909
8	William Sewall Gardner	1868-1870	Newton, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1887
9	John Q. A. Fellows	1871-1873	New Orleans, La.	Nov. 28, 1897
10	James H. Hopkins	1874-1876	Pittsburgh, Pa.	June 18, 1904
11	Vincent L. Hurlbut	1877-1879	Chicago, Ill.	July 24, 1896
12	Benjamin Dean	1880-1882	Boston, Mass.	April 9, 1897
13	Robert E. Withers	1883-1885	Wytheville, Va.	Sept. 21, 1907
14	Charles Roome	1886-1889	New York	June 28, 1890
15	John P. S. Gobin	1889-1892	Lebanon, Pa.	May 1, 1910
16	Hugh McCurdy	1892-1895	Corunna, Mich.	July 16, 1908
17	Warren LaRue Thomas	1895-1898	Maysville, Ky.	Nov. 23, 1914
18	Reuben Hedly Lloyd	1898-1901	San Francisco, Cal.	Mar. 10, 1909
19	Henry Bates Stoddard	1901-1904	Bryan, Texas	May 29, 1925
20	Geo. Mayhew Moulton	1904-1907	Chicago, Illinois	July 24, 1927
21	Henry Warren Rugg	1907-1910	Providence, R. I.	July 21, 1910
22	Wm. Bromwell Melish	1910-1913	Cincinnati, Ohio	Oct. 21, 1927
23	Arthur MacArthur	1913-1914	Troy, New York	Dec. 27, 1914
24	Lee S. Smith	1914-1919	Pittsburgh, Pa.	April 6, 1926
25	Joseph K. Orr	1919-1922	Atlanta, Georgia	Sept. 18, 1938
26	Leonidas P. Newby	1922-1925	Knightstown, Ind.	Oct. 25, 1945
27	George W. Vallery	1925-1928	Denver, Colo.	Dec. 20, 1933
28	William L. Sharp	1928-1931	Chicago, Ill.	Dec. 22, 1950
29	Percy W. Weidner	1931-1932	Los Angeles, Cal.	Aug. 16, 1932
30	Harry C. Walker	1932-1932	Binghamton, N. Y.	Nov. 2, 1932
31	Andrew D. Agnew	1932-1937	Milwaukee, Wis.	Dec. 29, 1951
32	Mark Norris	1937-1940	Grand Rapids, Mich.	May 31, 1943
33	Harry G. Pollard	1940-1943	Lowell, Mass.	
34	Charles Noah Orr	1943-1946	St. Paul, Minn.	Jan. 10, 1949
35	John Temple Rice	1946-1949	El Paso, Texas	
36	Robert Brainerd Gaylord	1949-1952	San Francisco, Cal.	Aug. 4, 1953
37	William Catron Gordon	1952-1955	Marshall, Mo.	Jan. 10, 1959
38	Walter A. DeLamater	1955-1958	Rhinebeck, New York	
39	Louis Henry Wieber	1958-		

Representatives of Grand Commanderies to and from Massachusetts and Rhode Island

From Mass. and R. I.	P. O. Address	Grand Commanderies	To Mass. and R. I.	P. O. Address
Velmar A. Meadows	Opelika	Alabama	E. Sir William Turner	Holyoke, Mass.
Herbert W. Edwards	Bisbee	Arizona	R. E. Sir Frederic Kennedy	Wellesley, Mass.
George R. Crosley	El Dorado	Arkansas	E. Sir Charles W. Gurdy	Everett, Mass.
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Earl W. Spencer	Pueblo	Colorado	E. Sir Robert E. Powell	Needham, Mass.
Archibald C. Prisk	Yalesville	Connecticut	E. Sir Harold A. Budreau	Winthrop, Mass.
Percy W. Jones	Washington	District of Columbia	R. E. Sir Harold S. Crocker	Brockton, Mass.
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R. A. Smith	Athens	Georgia	E. Sir James R. Hooper	Dedham, Mass.
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Albert E. Anderson	Portland	Maine	R. E. Sir William S. Hamilton	Williamstown, Mass.
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Dwight W. Porter	Broken Bow	Nebraska	E. Sir John F. Mitchell	Shrewsbury, Mass.
William R. Overfelt	McGill	Nevada	E. Sir Alexander Campbell	So. Boston, Mass.
C. Wesley Lyons	Rochester	New Hampshire	R. E. Sir John E. Rines	Winchester, Mass.
Louis H. Budd	Newton	New Jersey	R. E. Sir Robert G. Wilson, Jr.	Boston, Mass.
Herbert C. Denny	Gallup	New Mexico	E. Sir Clarence E. Booth	Leominster, Mass.
Stanley D. Seigler	Schenectady	New York	R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson	Melrose, Mass.
W. Reid Howe	Cramerton	North Carolina	E. Sir James B. Henry	Providence, R. I.
Robert R. Dollahan	Grand Forks	North Dakota	E. Sir William H. Evans	Brockton, Mass.
Howard R. Malone	Dayton	Ohio	R. E. George A. Weeks	Melrose, Mass.
William A. Perry	Okmulgee	Oklahoma	E. Sir Everett B. Byles	Edgewood, R. I.
D. Lynn Woodson	Portland	Oregon	E. Sir George Ringchrist	Longmeadow, Mass.
T. Stuart Drake	Easton	Pennsylvania	R. E. A. Kenneth Martin	S. Weymouth, Mass.
Jesse T. Anderson	Florence	South Carolina	E. Sir N. Russell Lynn	Medford Hill, Mass.
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THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

The 9 Knights who organized the Order in 1118 A.D.

Hugh de Payens	Payens de Montidier
Godfrey de Saint Aldemar	Archibald de Saint Aman
Roral	Andre de Montbar
Gundemar	Count of Provence
Godfrey Bisol	

Grand Masters from Its Origin to the Death of DeMolay

		A.D.			A.D.
1	Hugh de Payens	1118	14	Philip de Plessis	1201
2	Robert of Burgundy	1139	15	William de Carnota	1217
3	Everard de Barri	1147	16	Peter de Montagu	1218
4	Bernard de Trenellape	1151	17	Armand de Petragrossa	1229
5	Bertrand de Blanchefort	1154	18	Herman de Petragrorius	1237
6	Andrew de Montbar	1165	19	William de Rupefort	1244
7	Philip of Naplus	1169	20	William de Sonnac	1247
8	Odo de St. Amand	1171	21	Reginald Vichierius	1250
9	Arnold de Troye	1180	22	Thomas Beraud	1257
10	John Terricus	1185	23	William de Beaujeau	1274
11	Gerard Ridefort	1187	24	Rheobald Gaudinius	1291
12	Robert Sablaeus	1191	25	Jacques de Molay	1298
13	Robert Gralius	1196		DeMolay died in 1314.	

CHRONOLOGY—YORK RITE

The following dates are adopted by the various bodies of Masonry. Dates are carried out for the year 1959.

Ancient Craft Masons date from the creation of the world, B. C. 4000, calling it *Anno Lucis* (Year of Light). Hence add 4000 to common time. A. D. 1959 = A. L. 5959.

Royal Arch Masons date from the beginning of the building of the Second Temple by Zerubbabel, B. C. 530, calling it *Anno Inventionis* (Year of Discovery). Hence add 530 to common time. A. D. 1959 = A. I. 2489.

Royal and Select Masters refer to the completion of the First Temple, B. C. 1000, calling it *Anno Depositionis* (Year of the Deposit). Hence add 1000 to common time. A. D. 1959 = A. Dep. 2959.

Knights Templar date from the founding of the Order, A. D. 1118, calling it *Anno Ordinis*. Hence subtract 1118 from common time. A. D. 1959 = A. O. 841.

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